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A Berrien County Sheriff Marine Division boat motors off the beaches at Warren Dunes State Park Friday morning near Bridgman in the search for a teenage girl presumed to have drowned on Thursday.

Tragic day on the lake

3 perish off Berrien County beaches; father dies in St. Joe trying to save his kids

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

Swimmers at three different beaches along Berrien County's shoreline ventured into the heavy surf Thursday evening and did not return, writing one of the deadliest chapters ever for the beautiful but hazardous coastline.

One man apparently drowned in St. Joseph on Thursday while attempting to rescue his kids who were struggling in the water, one young girl drowned at Warren Dunes, and a recovery effort was underway all day Friday in New Buffalo for another apparent Lake Michigan drowning. All three swimmers were not from the area.

The drowning victim in St. Joseph was a 44-year-old man from Lakeville, Ind. According to a news release from St. Joseph police, the man went into the lake after his children, ages 17 and 12, were struggling in the heavy surf off Lions Park Beach around 8 p.m. Thursday.

The two kids were then rescued by St. Joseph Reserve Officer Everett Gaston. However, the man did not make it and he was later pronounced dead at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

His name was not released by officials.

According to the release, two more swimmers were caught in a strong rip current around the same time, but they were rescued by Fabian Weber, who was on a surfboard. Weber managed to pull Meghan Lynch and Vincent Ball onto his board, police said.

This was the second drowning off Lions Park Beach this month. An Illinois woman drowned a couple of weeks ago after she and her sister were caught in the same type of heavy surf that roiled Lake Michigan waters Thursday evening.

At Warren Dunes State Park in Sawyer, a 13-year-old girl drowned Thursday around 9 p.m.

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Cass County partners with Kinexus Group subsidiary

By HP STAFF

PAW PAW — Cass County is creating a new partnership with Kinexus Group and its subsidiary, Market Van Buren, to raise the economic development profile of the county.

Officials made the announcement Friday in an effort to strengthen both counties in the ever-changing economic development landscape.

"Market Van Buren has always reached out to provide assistance, and the agreement with Kinexus Group for services makes our community even better," Cass County commissioner and board Chairwoman Roseann Marchetti said in a news release.

According to Marchetti, Zach Morris, executive director of Market Van Buren, has helped Cass County and its businesses several times over the past few years.

"Cass County is important to our region and there are obvious synergies in the work that Market Van Buren is doing, and services that can be provided to help Cass," Kinexus Group President and CEO Todd Gustafson said in the release. "We look forward to not only marketing and promoting Cass County through Market Van Buren, but to assist with policy issues like rural broadband and building a better ecosystem for growth in the region."

Market Van Buren has had a number of high-profile successes over the past year, helping Barber Packaging transition to providing face shields during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping 40 companies in Cass and Van Buren land state grants to stay in operation, and landing another grant to develop a high-tech park in the Mattawan area.

"We have been successful in supporting the retention of over 416 jobs, helping create 168 new ones, and having an economic impact close to $44 million over the last four years," said Morris. "Rural communities need to create an ecosystem that will sustain growth, and with the changes happening in larger communities right now, Southwest Michigan is positioned to capitalize on that."

Cass County Administrator Jeff Carmen said Market Van Buren and Kinexus Group have been providing value to the region and building on that momentum and partnering would be positive for the whole area.

"Our corner of Michigan has a great quality of life; we are like a bit of a hidden gem with lakes, great schools, and plenty of room to grow, but in keeping with the rural charm that makes Cass County a great place to work, live, and play," Carmen said.

THE NEW NORMAL

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Claire Orrison wears a mask and is pictured through a plastic divider as she makes a seasoned bread boule for a customer Friday at Zoup! in St. Joseph. The state now requires workplaces do health screenings of all their employees before their shifts each day.

COVID-19 has changed how workplaces must handle employee illness

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

Last Saturday night, Simon Rusk got a call.

One of his employees had received results of their COVID-19 test: It was positive.

"Scary. I think that's the best way to sum it up. It was scary for everybody," Rusk, owner and head brewer of The Livery in Benton Harbor, said this week.

But Rusk credits all of the procedures the business had put in place with preventing the virus spreading to any other employees.

The COVID-19 pandemic is not over, but many people are back in their workplaces now trying to live the "new normal."

With that new normal has come pre-work health screenings, new illness tracking platforms, work-from-home options and a lot of sanitizing/hand-washing.

A new routine

Julie Thomsen, who owns both the Biggby Coffee and Zoup! in St. Joseph, said the employees there have been diligent about disinfecting the spaces every 30 minutes to make sure they are keeping their customers and employees safe.

"I also have seen many of our community restaurants being very diligent in keeping our community safe and have spoken to a few owners on how they are handling things," Thomsen said. "It has been very helpful to have that support from our franchise business offices and our restaurant owners, as we are all in this together."

Julie and Jim Thomsen, owners of Zoup! and Biggby Coffee, have made several changes at their St. Joseph stores to increase safety for both their employees and customers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Per executive order, all workplaces in Michigan are required to do health screenings of their employees before they start their shift each day.

"There's lots of safeguards in place to limit someone who's sick and infectious to spread the virus to other people," said Gillian Conrad, spokesperson for the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD). "Someone that's symptomatic shouldn't even be working that day."

When a COVID-19 exposure happens at a workplace, the state recommends shutting down the area the employee was in for 24 hours, to sanitize, but there are no rules stating that the business must close completely.

Rusk said they closed The Livery completely for four days to clean, and to get COVID-19 test results back for other employees who had close contact with the employee who tested positive.

Conrad said closing completely is a business decision, though she understands exactly why it's done and why a handful of businesses in the area have done this.

"Not having been through that situation before and not being sure exactly what to say to all of your staff or to your customers can be tough," she said.

Thinking outside the box

Some area employers have gone above and beyond state orders and recommendations when it comes to monitoring their employees for illness.

Williamson Employment Services in St. Joseph has expanded its telephonic nurse triage that they normally use for work-related injuries. Employees can now call the nurse triage if they are ill, or feel they have symptoms of COVID-19, to get advice from a medical professional.

Judee Hopwood, president and co-owner of Williamson Employment, said the nurse makes recommendations about returning to work, staying home, self-isolating or seeking treatment, which they can then implement.

"It puts the medical decisions in the hands of someone qualified to

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make them, rather than us trying to figure out the best way to handle each situation. It is also free of charge to employees, so they can use it without concern over cost," she said.

Julia Gourley, executive director of the Krasl Art Center, said they have been very thoughtful about how its staff works, how they manage potential COVID symptoms and updating their sick leave policy.

A few of their strategies have included the health screening each day, with employees staying home until cleared by a medical expert if they get flagged.

In addition, the staff continue to work from home 50 percent of the time or more if possible. They've also implemented new COVID-19 sick leave for all part-time and full-time employees.

Arthur Havlicek, president and CEO of the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber, said the chamber itself has instituted a number of preventative measures, on top of guiding chamber members through the process.

He said with only two staff members, it's been relatively easy to monitor for potential symptoms, but they've instituted a flex work schedule to limit time they are both in the office.

While most of the chamber's networking events remain virtual, it did hold an in-person Business After Hours outside at Schroeder Furniture two weeks ago, where a number of safety precautions were taken for volunteers and guests.

"I actually have an entire COVID-19 Event Planning Guide that I created," Havlicek said.

It includes infrared temperature checks, COVID-19 symptom screenings, no-contact check-in, visual cues indicating attendee's comfort level, a full sanitation of the venue before the event, hand washing stations spread throughout the venue, proactive data gathering for potential contact tracing, voluntarily limiting the size of the gathering, a virtual component for those who can't attend, plus a mandatory mask policy for all attendees.

Back2WorkSafe

One of the ways BCHD officials thought outside of the box on their COVID-19 response was with the development of a website platform that allows employers to track employee illness.

The Back2WorkSafe platform is free to any employer in Berrien County and doesn't record any identifying information, only aggregate totals.

"We've been doing this process within our school and daycare population for years," Conrad said. "Schools and daycares across the county report on a weekly basis the number of students that they had sick that week."

She said this allows the health department to monitor for any outbreaks of the flu, and highly contagious illnesses such as gastrointestinal norovirus, whooping cough, chicken pox or measles.

"We thought, wouldn't it be great if we could see this at the adult level. How do we do that? So that's where we are trying to get employers to buy into Back2WorkSafe," Conrad said.

She said it helps the employers and the health department.

"If all of a sudden you have five people in accounting that are sick, that might be a problem you might want to look into a little bit further," Conrad said.

Havlicek said the chamber has been huge advocates for the Back2WorkSafe platform, even helping to pilot it.

"It's not only free and convenient for business owners, it's an important tool for the health department as they work to curb the spread of the virus in our community. Every business in Berrien County, large and small, should utilize this resource," he said.

Conrad said about two dozen employers are using it so far and it's working well.

Executive orders in Michigan right now require workplaces to report COVID-positive cases within their staff to the health department within 24 hours.

Conrad said employers can do that through the Back2WorkSafe platform.

The health department gets a notification for each Berrien County resident who tests positive, but the extra layer of reporting helps identify out-of-county employees.

Conrad said employers also can suggest their employees get tested for COVID-19, especially if they're calling in sick more than one day in a row.

She said when a health department employee calls in sick they don't pry into their personal lives, but try to get a feel for what symptoms the person is having.

"We just ask if it's COVID-19 related symptoms or no. We leave it at that, and if they say yes, then we monitor them pretty closely. If there is really more than one day of those symptoms, then we're saying, we want you to go get tested," she said.

When to get tested

Conrad said an indication someone should get tested for COVID-19 is if they are displaying any hallmark symptoms – fever, sudden onset of a cough or shortness of breath, or a sudden loss of taste or smell.

Though Michigan health officials say anyone working outside of the home should be tested for COVID-19, Conrad said there's no real recommendation for how often to get that test.

"We are still focused predominately on people who might be feeling symptoms and those with a known exposure to a confirmed case," she said.

Rusk said in the case of the Livery employee, they weren't having symptoms, but just got tested because their friends were.

When that test came back positive though, some employees then got tested who had close personal contact with that person.

"Close contact is 15 minutes or more within a 6-foot space," Conrad said. "So it's pretty prolonged."

She said when you think about a restaurant server, they're not spending 15 minutes or more at the table.

"They might not even spend 15 minutes or more in the kitchen. They're moving around. The chance for a waitress to spread illness to a table is very slim, especially because all those people in an enclosed space should be wearing masks to contain their respiratory droplets."

Conrad said because the virus takes a few days to build up to show up positive on a test, folks who think they have been exposed to COVID-19 should work with the health department on quarantine and testing procedures.

She said something to keep in mind is the recent slowdown of people getting test results back.

"There has been an influx of people getting tested and I think that's due in part to this message of going to get a free test if you're working outside of the home," she said. "It's not a bad thing, but it has definitely flooded the capacity that the labs have for processing those specimens."

Going forward

Rusk said though having an employee test positive was scary, he's thankful the procedures the business had in place worked.

"When this happened we took a hard look at what we were doing to make sure absolutely certain we're doing everything we can," he said. "We don't have any other employees that have gotten ill or have symptoms or tested positive. I think that's a testament to our procedures and how we have been handing the outbreak."

Rusk said they did add a few more questions to their pre-shift health screening that are a little more specific to COVID-19 symptoms.

Conrad said this new world is really requiring employers to be more in tune with what's going on with their employees.

The health department has been encouraging employers, and its own employees, to stay home if they are feeling any sort of symptom of illness, even mild ones.

"I think in this country we have this work ethic that doesn't necessarily allow us to take sick days easily," Conrad said. "I've heard all these people say, 'Well I'm not on my death bed, so I can go to work.' It shouldn't require you to be on your death bed to take a sick day."

She said this is especially important now that we know how quickly and easily COVID-19 can spread, even if someone only has mild symptoms.

"That's why that health screening at the beginning of the day is so important and maybe just changing some of that workplace culture," Conrad said. "Especially when the school year starts. When children may get ill or may need to be on quarantine. There's just going to need to be a lot of understanding, a lot of flexibility, just a softening of that hardcore work culture that our upbringing in the United States may have instilled in us."

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More Information

To sign up for the Back2WorkSafe platform, and for more COVID-19 information for businesses and employers in Berrien County, visit www.bchdmi.org/1688/Business-Employers.

For state executive orders and recommendations for employers, visit www.michigan.gov/leo/0,5863,7-336-100207---,00.html.

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Poker Lotto
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7-5-0
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Mega Millions jackpot
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Thursday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
01-14-20-36-39
Cash4Life
08-12-18-54-58, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
02-05-10-12-13-14-25-26-27-31-34-36-39-41-53-55-56-62-71-76, BE: 5
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8-3-1, SB: 8
Daily Three-Evening
4-6-0, SB: 5
Daily Four-Midday
6-1-5-3, SB: 8
Daily Four-Evening
1-0-9-5, SB: 5
Quick Draw Evening
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Illinois
Lotto
09-13-14-23-47-50, Extra Shot: 14
Estimated jackpot
$2.9 million
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
06-15-25-28-42
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Pick Three-Evening
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Mich. high court won't hear absentee ballot case

LANSING (AP) — A split Michigan Supreme Court on Friday declined to hear a case that sought to extend the state's deadline to receive absentee ballots – a decision that left one dissenting justice "baffled and troubled" ahead of the November presidential election in the swing state.

In a 4-3 order, justices said they were not persuaded that the questions presented should be reviewed.

The decision left intact a recent appeals court decision that found that state law requires absentee ballots to be received by the time polls close on Election Day to be counted – unless the Republican-led Legislature changes the requirement. The League of Women Voters of Michigan and three voters sued in May, seeking a declaration that ballots be counted as long as they are mailed on or before Election Day.

The plaintiffs had pointed to voters' new constitutional rights to cast an absentee ballot without giving a reason 40 days before an election and to do so in person or by mail. They also had noted people's fears of visiting polling places during the coronavirus pandemic.

Four Republican-nominated judges voted to not take the appeal. Three Democratic nominees dissented.

"Given the importance that absentee voting will have on the upcoming general election, I am baffled and troubled by the majority's vote to deny leave to appeal here," Justice Richard Bernstein wrote. "The very split in the Court of Appeals panel below, which resulted in no less than three separate opinions being authored, suggests that this is not such a clear-cut case that a simple denial is obviously appropriate."

Bernstein, in a dissent joined by Chief Justice Bridge McCormack and Justice Megan Cavanagh, noted that the 2016 presidential race in Michigan was decided by fewer than 11,000 votes. Donald Trump narrowly defeated Hillary Clinton.

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BET	Big Mom	★★ Meet the Browns ('08) Tyler Perry. CC					Jumping
Big Ten	TBA	To Be Announced				Campus	Drive
Bravo	5:32 ★★★ Catch Me if You Can		:42 ★★★ Catch Me if You Can ('02, Comedy-Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks. CC				
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Starz	6:14 Miss Bala	★★★ Shakespeare in Love ('98) Joseph Fiennes, Gwyneth Paltrow. CC				:06 ★★★ Little Women ('19) CC	
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VH1	Friday	★★ Next Friday ('00) Ice Cube. CC				★ Friday After Next	
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Business owner struck dumb by customer's bigoted rant

DEAR ABBY: I am a small business owner. My store has local (repeat) and one-time customers. The other day, while checking out, one of my local customers spewed out a verbal and extremely bigoted rant. I was stunned speechless. I felt I should do something, but I wasn't sure what it should be. I have started losing sleep over it. If it happens again, should I remain silent and keep the peace, or stand up for all Americans and lose this customer and probably more? – Freaked Out In Florida

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR FREAKED OUT: To paraphrase a well-known saying, "All that's necessary for evil to flourish is for good men to ignore it and say nothing." If the rant your bigoted customer spewed was aimed at another shopper, you had a responsibility to protect the victim of the onslaught. In the future, it would not be out of line to state firmly that you don't want that kind of talk in your establishment. While doing that may (or may not) lose you a few customers, you would at least be able to sleep better than you're sleeping now.

P.S. It may also GAIN you some customers once word gets around.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with the same doctor for 15 years, only requiring an annual checkup. The problem is, the office is about a 40-minute drive, longer if I hit a rush hour. I have stayed with the provider because the care is so good. However, I recently found a doctor who is 10 minutes away and provides the same quality of care. Do I call the original doctor to let them know I am leaving the practice? Write a note? Leave it alone? What is the proper protocol? – Good Patient In Michigan

DEAR PATIENT: Contact your long-time doctor's office and ask either that your medical records be sent to your new doctor's office, or they be readied for you to pick up so you can deliver them yourself. In light of the fact that you have had a 15-year relationship with "Long-time Doctor," it would be nice if you wrote a letter thanking him/her for taking such good care of you all these years and explain that the commute has become more than you can now handle, which is why you are leaving.

DEAR ABBY: I was sitting around bored with nothing to do and started thinking about my classmates from 1960. I hadn't seen or heard from some of them in more than 55 years, so I decided to call them and found all but two. Boy, was it ever worth it!

Most of the conversations lasted 30 minutes or more. I enjoyed hearing their voices and reminiscing about old times. I couldn't believe how quickly the day went by. It made me feel great, and I hope it did the same for them.

When I told them why I was calling, some of them thought it was such a good idea they were going to do it too. Maybe others will want to consider this. Try it. It's worth it. – Catching Up In Wisconsin

DEAR CATCHING UP: What you did was wonderful. Many people have been using this quarantine period to reconnect with long-lost friends, and I highly recommend it. There's no surer cure for the blues – or boredom – than reaching out to others. Thank you for an upper of a letter.

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Everybody else is having new adventures

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I live in D.C. I like it here. My husband and I are both gainfully employed – not our dream jobs, but jobs that are more good than bad – my family is here, I bought an apartment in a neighborhood I enjoy.

Carolyn Hax

Now, five years out of undergrad, my D.C. friends have all moved away from D.C.

I always heard this was a transient city but now I am really feeling it. My friends and their significant others are off to new jobs, new commutes, new adventures. I am still here, doing pretty much exactly what I have been doing since college. And – I like it! But I am missing my community and connection, and also feeling like the last one at the fair. It makes me feel lame or boring for not having a more dynamic existence or new "news" to share.

I've never thought you should move to chase friends – move because you genuinely like the place you are moving to and the things you are doing there. But maybe that idea is misguided? Any advice for this strange transitory time? – Last One at the Fair

LAST ONE AT THE FAIR: See yourself as being first at the next fair. Transience means people you care about move away, yes, but it also means new people are constantly arriving, hoping their new neighborhood will be friendly.

Your communities and connections will grow back if you nurture them with effort and with the energy of liking your neighborhood enough to show its new people around. It won't all go to waste when these people become the next to leave. D.C. is transient but being in one's 20s is more so, I'd argue – so the more time you spend in any given place, the more you'll notice there's a population that comes and goes, and a population that stays put. If the churn really bothers you, then do some research and find a neighborhood that has lower than usual turnover.

Meanwhile, there are other ways not to be boring than to move away from a place you enjoy – like learning and doing new things, and having adventures that bring you back home at the end.

DEAR CAROLYN: A colleague does not know how to be appropriately brief in her office chitchat. She will say, "Hi, how's your day going?" and then find a way to talk for way too long. I have tried saying, "I have a meeting," or, "I need to get back to my work," visibly standing up or having one foot out the door, and she will keep going! Sometimes she will say, "I'll keep this brief, I know you need to get back to work." But it's never brief. Please help. – Anonymous

ANONYMOUS: Interrupt. Say [hands up in the "halt" gesture]: "Hold that thought! I'm sorry to have to interrupt you – I have a meeting." Then goooooo.

Or does that read "goo."

Then gohhhhhh.

When normal signals don't work, it's okay to be more assertive.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Chilly and damp
4 River in England
8 Advice-giver
12 Epoch
13 Tighten
14 Director — Ephron
15 Gear tooth
16 Gyro pocket
17 Adorn with ornaments
18 Not right or wrong
20 Lion families
22 Take fright
23 Skilled person
24 Cargo
28 Home furnishing
31 Prudent
34 Ottoman title
35 Himalayan legend
36 Bowls over
37 Easy toss
38 Churchill successor
39 Sweater sizes
40 Shah's domain
42 Senorita's aunt
44 Curry a horse
48 Light snow
51 Work fast
52 Gael republic
53 Region
55 Collide with
56 So be it!
57 Grassy area
58 Festive night
59 Delicate blossom
60 Sight from Messina
61 Scarlet

DOWN
1 Summary
2 Coffee shop lure
3 Wheels for a kid
4 Llama cousin
5 Ski mecca
6 Fall mo.
7 Tide type
8 Mischief
9 Shared a frontier
10 Semisoft cheese
11 Root crop
19 Ticks off
21 Old garment
25 Broad valley
26 Operatic prince
27 Captures
29 All-purpose truck
30 Whitney invention
31 Jazz instrument
32 Hole puncher
33 Waves or shrugs
35 Birthday number
40 — for the course
41 Large lizard
43 Papas or Dunne
45 Additional
46 Martini extra
47 Doled out
48 Cold feet
49 Luxury transport
50 New England campus
51 Chopped down
54 Dock denizen

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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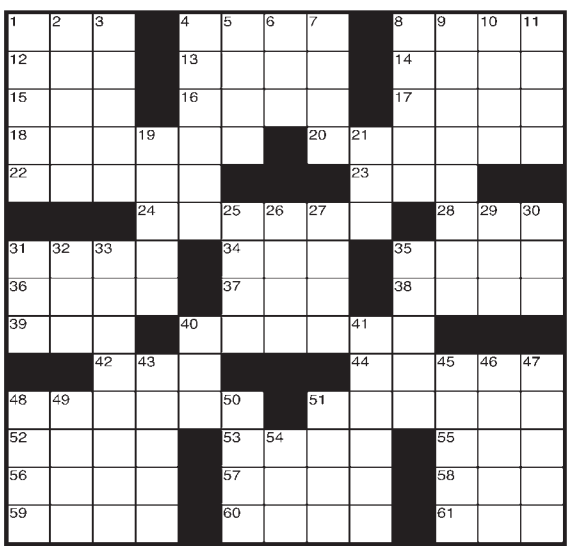

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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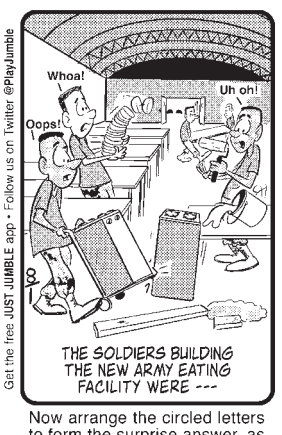

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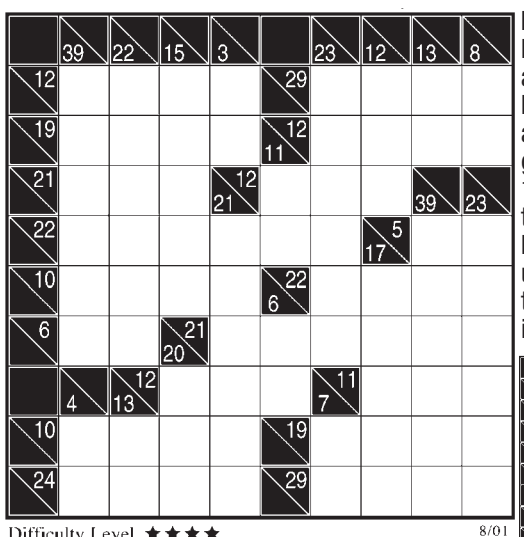
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

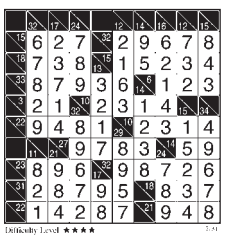
Yesterday's Jumbles: AGILE ORBIT EXCITE SOFTEN
Answer: In order to pinpoint the problem, the auto mechanic needed to — GET A FIX ON IT

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 8/01

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

The Senior Life Master was sitting in the club's bar. A young woman who had recently joined his classes sat down and gave him a glass of sauvignon blanc.

"Thank you," said the SLM. "I do like to drink white wine in warm weather. How did you do in the duplicate?"

"Average. Our defense was poor. We always seemed to concede one more trick than everyone else."

"Ah, yes, that is fatal at pairs."

On the back of a coaster, the SLM wrote out the East and North hands in today's diagram.

Have a look at this (resumed the SLM). Against four spades, West led the heart eight. How should East have defended?

After giving the young woman a minute or so to decide, the SLM continued.

East won the trick with his ace and fired back a heart. After winning in the dummy, declarer ran the spade jack. Now the contract was safe. Declarer won West's diamond return in the dummy, drew trumps and unsuccessfully tried the club finesse for an overtrick.

"Analyze the bidding," commented West. "If I have a singleton heart, declarer has four and would have rebid two hearts, not two no-trump. So, encourage with the heart 10 at trick one. Then, when I'm in with the spade king, I can lead my second heart to your ace, get a heart ruff and await the club king as the setting trick."

Always (concluded the SLM) consider the implications of the bidding and the opening lead, and weigh all of your options.

North 08-01-20
♠ J 10 7
♥ Q J 9 5
♦ A K J 6
♣ Q J

West
♠ K 9 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ K 10 9 5 4

East
♠ 5 4
♥ A 10 7 4
♦ Q 10 9 5
♣ 8 6 3

South
♠ A Q 8 6 3
♥ K 6 3
♦ 8 2
♣ A 7 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 8

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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3	2	6	5	9	7	1	8	4
7	1	5	8	4	3	2	9	6
8	3	2	6	1	9	4	5	7
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The Left too willing to tolerate violence

Ben Shapiro

'Mostly peaceful." So goes the characterization of demonstrations that have routinely turned into looting and rioting for months on end, from Portland to Seattle to New York to Los Angeles.

"Protesters in California set fire to a courthouse, damaged a police station and assaulted officers after a peaceful demonstration intensified," read one recent ABC News tweet. CNN called protests in Portland "mostly peaceful," adding that "they have at times devolved into violence, vandalism, and arson." During riots in Los Angeles in June, as the entire county locked down, the Los Angeles Times noted, "The third night of countywide curfews followed days of massive, mostly peaceful protests ... Nearly 1,200 people were arrested Sunday after police officers clashed with demonstrators and looters shattered windows and emptied stores in Santa Monica and Long Beach."

The phrase "mostly peaceful," then, is rather fungible. Consider that during the tea party protests of 2011, then-Vice President Joe Biden reportedly likened tea partiers to "terrorists" – and those protests were notable mostly for people cleaning up their own litter. When anti-lockdown protesters descended on the Michigan state capitol, a columnist for The New York Times labeled them "armed rebels," despite a complete lack of violence. When three white supremacists were arrested for plotting violence at a pro-gun rally, GQ's Talia Lavin headlined, "That Pro-Gun Rally in Virginia Wasn't Exactly 'Peaceful'" – even though the rally saw no violence.

In truth, the category of "mostly peaceful" is a brand-new invention meant to obscure the simple fact that many of our cultural elites are fine with violence so long as those who engage in such violence have the proper goals. Nikole Hannah-Jones, creator of the pseudo-historical 1619 Project, celebrated when critics labeled rioting and looting "the 1619 riots"; she added that destruction of property was "not violence." This week, Democrats grilling Attorney General Bill Barr could not be bothered to condemn violence, prompting Barr to rant, "What makes me concerned for the country is this is the first time in my memory the leaders of one of our great two political parties, the Democratic Party, are not coming out and condemning mob violence and the attack on federal courts." This should come as little surprise, given that those same cultural elites have cheered on massive protests in a time of a deadly pandemic, explaining that sometimes politics is just too important to stop a raging disease.

Our journey back to the 1960s is nearly complete. Too many Americans have rejected some of the key lessons of that time – that a breakdown in law and order costs lives, that political change does not require violence – in favor of a newfound sense of purpose. These Americans will pat the violent vanguard of revolution on the head, content that they will not pay the price, all the while maintaining that those who crave law and order stand for regressive autocracy. Thus, Mayor Jenny Durkan of Seattle recently informed MSNBC that federal law enforcement attempting to stop destruction of federal property in Portland actually represented a "dry run for martial law."

With Democrats and those in the media willing to run cover for violent leftists, the thin veneer of civilization disintegrates. When violence is excused as speech and speech by the opposition labeled violence, democracies die. With each passing day of silence by those who should know better – or worse, those propagandizing on behalf of those who engage in criminal activity – America draws closer to the brink.

Ben Shapiro is editor-in-chief of DailyWire.com.

Epithet against AOC was more than just words

Leonard Pitts

She was a teacher in Michigan. She was in line at a Walmart in rural Ohio.

She was at a bar in San Francisco.

She was a post office supervisor in Miami.

He told her to smile, and she didn't.

He wanted to buy her a drink, and she declined.

He didn't like her driving. He didn't like her T-shirt. He had been her friend for seven years, but he didn't like when she was put in charge of the percussion section in their marching band.

So he called her something, a vulgar noun modified by a vulgar adjective, neither of which is printable here, both of which you know all too well, because they are a woman-hating insult routine in the lexicon of men whose primacy has been challenged, whose egos have been bruised, who have been denied something they want.

Last week, it took center stage in the House of Representatives, via a speech Congresswoman Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. For some reason, she is the hornet's nest Republicans cannot stop themselves from poking, even though they end up stung to pieces every time.

Florida Rep. Ted Yoho is the latest.

He accosted Ocasio-Cortez on the steps of the U.S. Capitol and told her she was "disgusting" for having linked a spike in crime to poverty and unemployment. "You are out of your freaking mind," he said. She called him rude and walked away.

"A few steps down," reported Mike Lillis of the Hill newspaper, who witnessed the exchange, "Yoho offered a parting thought to no one in particular. 'F------ b----,' he said."

Afterward, Yoho's first comment was "No comment." He later offered an apology that wasn't, expressing contrition for his "abrupt manner." He said, "Having been married for 45 years with two daughters, I'm very cognizant of my language. The offensive name-calling words attributed to me by the press were never spoken to my colleagues and if they were construed that way, I apologize for the misunderstanding." He's just "passionate" on the issue of poverty, he said.

Ocasio-Cortez rightly rejected this self-justifying swill. Addressing the House Thursday, she noted that she's been called such things before. It's something women get used to ignoring, and she might have done so, but for Yoho's use of his wife and daughters as moral shields. "I am two years younger than Mr. Yoho's youngest daughter," the 30-year-old legislator said. "I am someone's daughter, too.

" ... In using that language in front of the press, he gave permission to use that language against his wife, his daughters, women in his community. And I am here to stand up to say that is not acceptable." Bread For The World, a nonprofit Christian group, apparently agreed. It asked Yoho to resign from its board.

As well it should have. The issue is not just objectionable words, but the contempt they encode. What must it be like when that contempt is your everyday, when the threat of violent action simmering behind violent words becomes your ordinary? Half of us cannot imagine. Half of us know all too well. When yours truly put out a Twitter call for their stories, the responses flowed like water.

She was a prosecutor in South Carolina.

She was an artist in Illinois.

She was riding public transit in Dallas.

What came next was a reflection of male entitlement: our weakness, our brittle egos, our refusal to hold ourselves to account. Sadly, it happens all the time, happens everywhere. Maybe you forget to be shocked. But last week, it happened on America's front porch.

She was a lawmaker from New York.

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LETTERS

Time to re-open schools

Editor,

Hopefully Gov. Whitmer will make the right decision and re-open our K-12 schools this autumn.

The director of the CDC and the American Pediatric Society strongly recommend it would be in the best interests of our kids to be back in school. Their emotional and mental health should no longer be compromised. A very high percentage of students and their parents want schools to be re-opened as soon as possible.

Germany, Sweden and Denmark are three European countries that have taken a pragmatic and common sense approach and re-opened their schools several months ago with no harm to the children or teachers. Their decision was based on scientific medical data which shows that young people under 20 only have a 0.5 percent chance of contracting COVID-19 and a 0.6 percent chance of spreading it even if they are asymptomatic.

We should also re-start are high school sports programs starting with football. Special precautions can be taken if deemed necessary by wearing the new Under Armour sports mask, which allows easier breathing and air intake. The games could be played in empty stadiums, or a few hundred fans could be allowed with social distancing being mandated.

With a little innovation, creativity and motivation, we can get it done. We're Americans. We don't give up.

Leon Savenas
St. Joseph

What are feds doing in Portland?

Editor,

It is obvious the not only is the pandemic out of control, so was the federal government as it arrived in Portland, Oregon, and staged a show that included custom designed, uniformed, armed soldiers, in grotesque apparel, no identification and unmarked vans.

Why are they there? Who requested their presence? Who exactly are they? Did the city of Portland send out an SOS? One man was arrested and released. Violence begets violence.

What has happened to civil discourse? "Scary" is the emotion I felt, as it brought back memories of my high school days during the years of 1935-39 in New York City. Students were joining our classes from Germany, Austria and France. They were fortunate to be sent to relatives because the German soldiers who were appearing on the streets and towns arresting anyone who looked suspicious, different or Jewish.

This is a dangerous time as the president and his cohorts are slowly chipping away at our justice system little by little and creating barriers to our freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

We are not powerless because the key is vote, vote, vote!

Gloria Weberg
St. Joseph

Foust is right choice for Royalton Twp. treasurer

Editor,

I am writing in support of William "Bill" A. Foust as treasurer for Royalton Township in the upcoming primary election, Aug. 4.

Bill came to the Twin Cities area to open and manage three drug stores for Walgreens Corp. During this time, Bill decided to volunteer his services to the township. For the past 16 years, Bill has served on the township Planning Commission, as a township trustee and township clerk.

During his tenure, Royalton Township has seen significant growth in both public and private projects. I sat next to Bill while serving my term as a township trustee and I can attest that he knows the township ordinances, rules, etc., and does a good job, while applying the rules evenhandedly and fairly to every project.

Bill has the experience to do the job.

John K. Olson
St. Joseph

Gnodtke Blackwell has right character for the job

Editor,

I support Jacquie Gnodtke Blackwell for Michigan state representative in the 79th District. Crucial times call for leaders who can manage difficult situations and the uncertainty of what lies ahead. After sharing a workplace with Jacquie leading to life-long friendship, I know her as an effective and empathetic professional, teacher, wife and mother, and the most relevant leader to effectively handle both.

The daughter of highly respected and effective former Michigan State Rep. Carl Gnodtke, Jacquie's political exposure and experiences began early in her life. As a young woman, she was a legislative aide to former State Rep. Lad Stacey – another well respected public servant who left a legacy of affection and integrity. This early imprinting makes her transition to the Capitol seamless and her confidence navigating Lansing high.

She knows the intricacies of the legislative process and is cognizant of the political climate she'll face – physically, politically and mentally.

In an environment that can conceal questionable behavior, Ms. Blackwell's high standards of personal and political integrity will serve her well. She's well prepared to deal with special interest groups both compassionately and firmly, whichever the situation requires.

Jacquie has made known her desire to serve on Ethics & Elections and Oversight committees, once elected. Her primary objectives would be to limit SuperPAC candidate contributions, increase lobby transparency and cap campaign spending. According to Ms. Blackwell, "We know that money in politics is the source of government corruption. It's time to call it out. I'll be pleased to apply my knowledge of the legislative process, political experience, collaborative approach and real-life world view to call it out."

I'm not affiliated with any political party. I hope you'll vote for life experience and integrity beyond reproach and vote Jacquie Gnodtke Blackwell for Michigan state representative in the 79th District on Tuesday.

Brenda Layne
St. Joseph

Choose common sense and respect

Editor,

Politics.

When you hear the word, you might cringe. It's not something that I think of with positivity as of late.

Why is that?

It all boils down to those we chose to represent us, and how they represent us once they are chosen.

As of late, I've had little faith in politics. It's divisive, pitting sides against each other, instead of choosing to work together for the better good.

However, I have faith in Jacquie.

When you see her name on the ballot, your thinking will change to something positive.

You will have chosen someone who will not continue the "usual" politics.

You will have chosen someone who considers you, your community and what is right.

You will have chosen someone who brings the common good to the table.

You will have chosen someone who supports public education.

You will have chosen someone who has life experience.

You will have chosen a state representative with a strong family history of politics, caring and respect.

79th District, please choose Jacquie Gnodtke Blackwell for your state representative.

Do what's right.

Lori Kuntz
Galien

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OBITUARIES

Daniel W. Strine

March 7, 1947 – March 30, 2020

Daniel W. Strine, 73, of St. Joseph passed away Monday, March 30, 2020, at his home.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Oakridge Community Church Pavilion, with the Rev. Marlo Fritzke officiating. Military Rites conducted by the North Berrien Military Rites Team will conclude the service. Friends may visit with the family from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at Oakridge Pavilion. Memorial donations in Dan's name may be made to First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, or St. Joseph Football. Those wishing to sign Dan's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Dan was born March 7, 1947, in Benton Harbor, to Robert and Dorothy (Jones) Strine. He graduated from St. Joseph High School, class of 1966. Dan served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. On Feb. 28, 1981, he married the former Penny Rea in St. Joseph. Dan was employed by St. Joseph Public Works Department, retiring after 30 years. He was a former member of Oakridge Baptist Church and a current member of First Baptist Church. He served as an AWANA Commander with both churches. Dan was a member of VFW Post 1137, where he was a past commander. Dan volunteered with the St. Joseph Football program and enjoyed his time with the St. Joseph McDonald's coffee group. He followed Chicago sports – Bears, Black Hawks and White Sox, and the University of Michigan Wolverines. Dan enjoyed trips to the beach and cherished the time spent with his family and many friends.

Dan is survived by his wife, Penny; two sons, Kevin and Keith Strine of St. Joseph; his siblings, Lynda Strine of Stevensville, John Strine of St. Joseph, Evelyn (Barry) Will of Huber Heights, Ohio, and Bill (Jeanne) Strine of St. Joseph; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Strine and Dorothy Rush; and a sister, Ruth Anne Strine.

Masks and social distancing will be practiced at all times. Casual dress is encouraged. Please pay tribute to one of the above-mentioned of Dan's favorite sports teams by wearing team apparel if available. Lawn chairs are encouraged for the service at Oakridge Pavilion.

David Duane Daniels

Dec. 26, 1968 – June 18, 2020

David Duane Daniels, 51, of Erie, Pa., formerly of Bridgman passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at his home unexpectedly, following a brief illness.

He was born Dec. 26, 1968, in Benton Harbor, a son of the late Paul Duane Daniels and Clarabelle Jane (Smith) Clifton. Dave graduated from Bridgman High School in 1987, where he helped bring home the baseball state championship win as a catcher. Following high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and deployed with the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines of Camp Pendleton. He served in Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Ceasefire where he earned the Combat Action Ribbon and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, he moved to Erie and graduated from the Mercyhurst Municipal Police Academy in 1994. Subsequently, he became a police officer at the Corry Police Department and later the Edinboro Police Department. Dave then embarked on the journey of opening his own bar, Dave's Corner Tavern in Venango, which he owned and operated proudly for 10 years. Most recently Dave worked at the VA Medical Center in Erie as a dispatcher for security.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Linda S. Cunnington.

He is survived by his daughter, Shelbi L. Daniels; and his son, Brian J. Daniels; both of Lake City, Pa.; his brother, Douglas A. Daniels of Bridgman; his brother-in-law, Al Cunnington of Portland, Mich.; and his nephew, Paul Cunnington (Marc) of Paw Paw.

A Memorial Service was held at Edder Funeral Home in Girard, Pa., on July 3. A graveside service with full military honors will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Caldwell Cemetery, Eau Claire.

Death notices

Dianne Michelle Cleaver, 53, of New Troy died July 31, 2020. Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

David D. Daniels, 51, of Erie, Pa., formerly of Bridgman died June 18, 2020, at home. Edder Funeral Home, Girard, Pa., (814) 774-4306.

Joy Lynn (Boyd) Healy, 60, of Watervliet died July 30, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Olie Nannfeldt, 96, of Niles died July 30, 2020, at Cass County Medical Care Facility, Cassopolis. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Helen M. Quardokus, 95, of Stevensville died July 30, 2020, at Pine Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Mary Nell Sloan, 78, former area resident died July 24, 2020, at home in Bartow, Fla. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Elizabeth (Adent) Tomaszewski, 89, of St. Joseph died July 30, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Mary Nell Sloan

July 10, 1942 – July 24, 2020

Mary Nell Sloan, 78, passed away Friday, July 24, 2020, at her residence in Bartow, Fla.

She was born July 10, 1942, in Hayti, Mo., to George and Helen Earlene Rule. She was the owner and operator of Huff's Dam Inn restaurant in Berrien Springs. After she sold her restaurant, she then worked for Sears and Roebuck as a department manager in Benton Harbor.

She is survived by her husband, Elijah "J.R." Sloan; four sons: Doug Huff, Rick Huff (Lea Ann), Ozzie Huff and Dave Huff; sisters, Janet Shortall and Ruth Ann Yerington; brother, George Rule (Vickie); and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and first husband, Elmer Harold Huff.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Bobby Jackson officiating. Burial will follow in Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Stevensville. Friends may visit from noon-2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Out of respect to the family and social distancing, it will be required that everyone wears a mask and keeps appropriate distance during the celebration. Those wishing to share a memory of Mary online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Elizabeth Adent Tomaszewski

Sept. 26, 1930 – July 30, 2020

Elizabeth Adent Tomaszewski, 89, of St. Joseph entered into eternal life peacefully on Thursday, July 30, 2020.

Elizabeth was born on Sept. 26, 1930, in Chicago, a twin daughter of Alphonse and Lucille Adent. She graduated from St. Joseph's Catholic School, class of 1948. Her passion for teaching led her to Western Michigan University, where she earned her master's degree in education. Her long career in teaching allowed her to touch the lives of so many students. On June 4, 1992, she retired from Lakeshore Public Schools. Her retirement allowed her the time to enjoy her other passions: reading from her "wall of books," knitting, cross-stitch, quilting and enjoying her family.

Elizabeth and her husband, Edward Tomaszewski, celebrated 51 years of marriage before his passing, and proudly raised their seven children together.

Elizabeth is survived by her children: Ken (Kathy) Tomaszewski, Chris (Duane) Tilly, Jerry Tomaszewski, Judi Perry, Mike (Debbie) Tomaszewski, Ted (Cheryl) Tomaszewski and Becky Tomaszewski; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; her sisters, Sheila (Sam) Bavido and Bernadette (Sam) Caropepe; and brother, Jim (Mary Ann) Adent.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband; her twin sister and her husband, Connie and Phil Nuccio; and her grandson, Adam Tilly.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 211 Church St., St. Joseph, with Fr. Thomas McNally officiating. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery, St. Joseph. Friends may visit with the family beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorial donations in Elizabeth's name may be made to the Adam Tilly Memorial Scholarship Fund. Those wishing to sign Elizabeth's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Helen Mary Quardokus

Oct. 4, 1924 – July 30, 2020

Helen Mary Quardokus, 95, of Stevensville passed away Thursday, July 30, 2020, at Pine Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Stevensville.

Private family services and burial will be held in Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Stevensville. Memorial donations in Helen's name may be made to Caring Circle Hospice. Those wishing to sign Helen's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Helen was born Oct. 4, 1924, in Chicago, to James C. and Josephine M. (Swiatkowski) Fish. She graduated from St. Joseph High School, class of 1942. On Nov. 15, 1944, she married her high school sweetheart, Fay G. Quardokus, and they celebrated 63 years together before his passing on April 4, 2008. Helen devoted her life to her husband and three children. She cherished the time spent together with them. Helen enjoyed the beauty of nature on their wooded property on Cleveland Avenue and the beauty of Lake Michigan and its beaches.

Helen is survived by her children, Susan Quardokus of Stevensville, Sally (William) Lyons of Caledonia, Mich., and Michael F. Quardokus of Stevensville; two grandsons, Mark (Tonya) Lyons of Wayland, Mich., and Gary Lyons of Dorr, Mich.; two great-grandsons, Jack and Henry Lyons; and two nieces, Margie Potts and Donna (Mike) Osbourne, both of St. Joseph.

She was preceded by her husband, Fay; her sister, Thelma Potts; and a niece, Patricia Sullivan.

LaVerne 'Lovey' Grace Zeiger

March 14, 1930 – July 26, 2020

LaVerne "Lovey" Grace Zeiger, 90, of Sawyer died peacefully Sunday, July 26, 2020.

She was born March 14, 1930, in Sawyer, one of eight children raised by Richard and Ernestine Louise Scovel. She married Harold "Happy Hal" Raymond Zeiger on Oct. 4, 1947. After 69 years of marriage, he preceded her in death on March 29, 2017.

Lovey was a 1947 graduate of New Troy High School. They owned and operated Zeiger Heating and Plumbing for over 60 years, where she was the secretary and bookkeeper. Harold and Lovey loved to travel overseas. They were snowbirds, enjoying part of the year at their home in Florida. Lovey also enjoyed being a part of card clubs playing bridge and canasta. She was a proud member of the Sawyer Garden Club and the Home Extension Club. She was an avid golfer with membership in Chikaming Country Club.

Lovey was lifelong member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sawyer where she was baptized April 27, 1930, with her uncle, Louis Schmidt, and Grace Erich as her sponsors. She was confirmed April 18, 1943, with her confirmation verse of Psalm 26:8. She was a Sunday School teacher for many years and also served on the altar guild.

Lovey will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by her daughter, Dawn Marie Rice of Baroda; two grandsons, Jay Daniel (Kimberly Ann) Rice of Stevensville and James Tyler Rice of Baroda; two great-granddaughters, Katie Heather Rice and Abbie Lynn Rice; sisters, Ruby May of West Virginia, Virginia Fryer of Sawyer, Mildred Dolezel of Sawyer and Arlene Harfert of New Troy; brother, Robert Krieger of Bridgman; sister-in-law, Eleanor Morlock of Wisconsin; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Lovey was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harold Raymond Zeiger; one son, Dean Raymond Zeiger; granddaughter, Heather Dawn Rice; one brother, Chester Krieger; her son-in-law, James Edward Rice; and her step brother, Carter Scovel.

Please contact Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals for the arrangements at 269-756-3831, or wagnercares.com.

Lovey will be laid to rest with her husband in Riverside Cemetery, Chikaming Township. The family prefers contributions be made in Lovey's memory to Trinity Lutheran Church, 5791 Sawyer Road, Sawyer, MI 49125. Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, 106 Ash Street East, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Sara Hayduk

Jan. 18, 1928 – July 24, 2020

Sara Hayduk, 92, of Benton Harbor passed away on Friday, July 24, 2020, at her home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will take place at a later date. Burial will be held in Fort Custer National Cemetery, Battle Creek, Mich. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Marta Daniels. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Sara was born on Jan. 18, 1928, to Faustino and Antonia (Hernandez) Gonzales in Santiago De Veraguas, Panama. On Sept. 1, 1951, Sara married the love of her life, Russell Hayduk, at Fort Kobbe in the Panama Canal Zone. The two met while he was serving in the United States Army. They were happily married for nearly 58 years before he passed away in 2009. For a number of years, Sara worked in the kitchen for Berrien General Hospital and cleaned offices for Whirlpool Corporation. She was also a volunteer at the former Lakeland Hospital, working with their Hospice Grief Support Groups. Sara enjoyed cooking meals such as arroz con pollo, baking and tending to her rose garden. What gave Sara the most happiness was her family; she loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an incredible lady who was always willing to help when needed. She will be missed dearly by all who knew her.

Sara is survived by her children, Kenneth (Gracia) Hayduk of Katy, Texas, Harry (Ramona) Hayduk of Waynesville, Mo., and Marta Daniels of Benton Harbor; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and sisters, Cenobia and Juana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Russell; and siblings, Rosa, Celia, Tomas, Ricardo and Maurilio.

Ella Mae Lidberg

Jan. 11, 1938 – July 29, 2020

Ella Mae Lidberg, 82, of Coloma died peacefully on Wednesday, July 29, 2020.

Ella's life began Jan. 11, 1938, in Manilla, Ark. As a child, her family moved to Michigan, where she enjoyed growing up, and graduated from Eau Claire High School. Shortly after graduating she married the love of her life, Lenard Lidberg, and they enjoyed raising their four daughters. Ella was an active member of Midway Baptist Church, a leader for Midway's Pioneer Girls, taught knitting for 4-H, was a leader for the 4 Flags group and Ella enjoyed working and volunteering for Watervliet Community Hospital.

Ella's greatest joy was her family, which includes, four daughters: Pamela (Jim) Rodriguez of Watervliet, Deanna Baker of Las Vegas, Christina Martin of Hartford and Alicia Lidberg (Roger Bryant) of Coloma; seven grandchildren: Jimmy Rodriguez, Theresa (Ahmad) Davis, Beth (Steve) Wooley, Matt (Tanya) Rodriguez, Scott Marks, Brittany (Kyle) Duncombe and Nikki Bryant; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Bernice Zachary and Darlene Stinnett; and many nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Lenard Lidberg; a brother, Harold Fleming; and her parents, Odell and Estell (Stanfill) Fleming; precede Ella in death.

Ella's family will celebrate her life at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, with visitation prior starting at 2 p.m., at Midway Baptist Church in Watervliet.

Hutchins Funeral Home is assisting Ella's family with arrangements. You are invited to leave a message of comfort for Ella's family at hutchinsfuneral.com.

Whitmer signs bills to resolve $2.2B budget shortfall

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Friday signed spending bills as part of an agreement to resolve a $2.2 billion deficit in the current budget by using federal coronavirus relief aid, tapping savings, shifting funds and banking cost cuts from employee furloughs that are complete.

The laws include additional funding for K-12 schools and essentially shield universities and community colleges from reductions. Teachers in public and private schools will each get a $500 bonus under the measures that cleared the Republican-led Legislature with just one no vote.

The state still faces a multi-billion dollar shortfall in the fiscal year that starts in two months due to declining tax revenues in the pandemic. Schools in particular are in limbo as they prepare to reopen without knowing their 2020-21 state aid.

"This bipartisan budget package will help protect critical funding for Michigan's front-line workers, educators and students, but our work isn't done," the Democratic governor said in a statement. She again urged President Donald Trump and Congress to extend additional federal unemployment benefits and give more aid to Michigan "so we can maintain essential services like education, health care and public safety."

The White House and its GOP allies appear to be retreating from their opposition to a $600-per-week supplemental unemployment benefit that has propped up the economy and family budgets but was expiring Friday. Another issue in the negotiations is an almost $1 trillion Democratic demand for funding for state and local governments.

Getting it straight

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Tiger Woods is a better player than when he won the Western Amateur last summer. The 19-year-old from California is stronger and more mature. His game has also moved to a higher level after a summer of pro events, including the Masters, British Open and Western Open. It all makes the Stanford All-American the overwhelming favorite to repeat in the golf tournament starting today at Point O-Woods Golf & Country Club.

"I go to every tournament trying to win it," said Woods Tuesday before a practice round.

Woods learned that his top rival from last year, Chris Riley, won't be back. Riley, who lost to Woods in the finals last summer and has had an off year since, has dropped out of the tournament.

1985 – 35 years ago

J.D. Mackin Jr., president and general manager of St. Joseph radio stations WSJM and WIRX since 1979, is leaving to head two stations in Wisconsin, where he began his career. Gayle Olson, who has been serving as WSJM-WIRX station manager, has been named vice president and general manager of the St. Joseph stations.

Mackin will become vice president and general manager of stations WTDY and WMGN in Madison, Wis., effective Sept. 1. The St. Joseph and Madison stations are part of the Midwest Family Radio Group, which was co-founded by his father, the late Joseph D. Mackin Sr.

1970 – 50 years ago

The congregation of Riverview Park Christian Church, formerly the First Christian Church, will hold the first services Sunday in their new church south of St. Joseph at 2929 Niles Ave., next to the Riverview Park entrance. The Rev. Charles Allen said the church school will be at 9 a.m. and worship service will be at 10:30 a.m.

The move to the new building was necessitated when the Unitarian Church in St. Joseph, where the congregation of the Christian Church had been worshiping, was closed due to structural defects.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Aug. 1, the 214th day of 2020. There are 152 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On August 1, 1957, the United States and Canada announced they had agreed to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

On this date:

In 1714, Britain's Queen Anne died at age 49; she was succeeded by George I.

In 1907, the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.

In 1912, the U.S. Marine Corps' first pilot, 1st Lt. Alfred A. Cunningham, went on his first solo flight as he took off in a Burgess/Curtis Hydroplane from Marblehead Harbor in Massachusetts.

In 1914, Germany declared war on Russia at the onset of World War I.

In 1936, the Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Mostly Sunny
80°	67°	78° / 65°	73° / 62°	71° / 58°	73° / 64°

Local Outlook

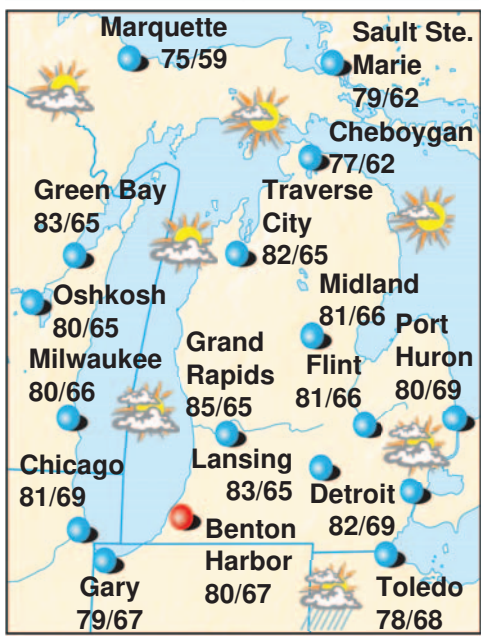
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 80°, humidity of 55%. East southeast wind 3 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 35% chance of showers, overnight low of 67°. East northeast wind 2 to 9 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 6:39 a.m.
Sunset ..... 9:03 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 8:04 p.m.
Moonset ..... 4:17 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
8/3	8/11	8/18	8/25

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	81°
Low	64°
Normal High	82°
Normal Low	62°
Record High	99° in 1998
Record Low	53° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.37"
Normal for month	4.34"
Year to date	24.45"
Normal Year to date	21.23"

Air Quality

Yesterday 40
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

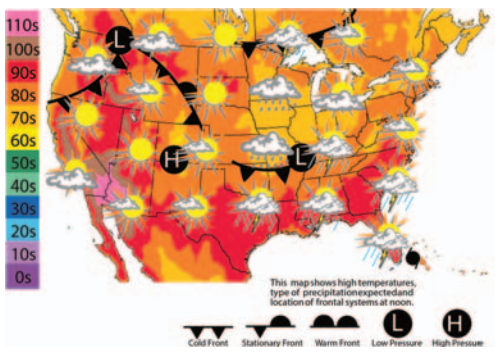
Weather Trivia

How many fatalities does lightning cause each year? ?

Answer: On average, about 80 fatalities.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Aug. 1, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, ESE wind 6 to 10 kt. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 75 degrees. Tonight, NNE wind 6 to 12 kt. A chance of showers. Waves 2 to 3 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy with highs in the 70s and 80s. East wind 5 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 60s and 70s. North wind 3 to 9 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated showers, highs in the 80s. East southeast wind 3 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with widespread showers, highs in the 70s and 80s. Southwest wind 2 to 7 mph.

TRAGIC

From page A1

Berrien County Undersheriff Chuck Heit said the water was exceptionally rough Friday, making it difficult for sheriff vessels and the Coast Guard to conduct its search.

At about 12:36 p.m. on Friday, Chikaming Township police received a call for a body that had washed up on the shoreline near Pier Street beach in Lakeside. Officers soon confirmed it was the missing 13-year-old swimmer from Warren Dunes.

Her name was not released, but she was identified as an Otsego resident. No other details of the drowning were released.

The beach at Warren Dunes was closed for most of Friday to all beachgoers as crews searched for the young victim. The county had a dive team and marine unit conducting the search with help from adjacent agencies.

Heit said the search began again in the early hours Friday after it became too dark Thursday night.

Efforts were also underway Friday in New Buffalo to recover a 24-year-old man from Missouri who also is presumed drowned.

Emergency responders were called to the municipal beach around 7:30 p.m. on reports of a missing swimmer. The man's name has not been released.

New Buffalo Police Chief Rich Killips said the missing man is a contractor who was doing work in the area. He was accompanied by a few friends who had never been to Michigan and wanted to see the beaches.

"The three of them were wading in the water," Killips said. "Something happened where the subject was out deeper and was swept away by the undertow."

A helicopter and boats could be seen searching near the shore and break wall, and red flags were posted warning people not to go into the water.

Heit said all county and municipal beaches had warnings out Thursday about the dangerous conditions.

"You've got to respect Lake Michigan. As we saw across the shoreline along the county, the rip currents were strong that night," said Heit, noting that all three apparent drownings occurred within a three-hour span. "We haven't seen that many since a July Fourth weekend several years ago."

Heit may have been referring the deadliest local beach day in recent memory, when six swimmers died on the July 4 holiday in 2003, and a seventh man died from a heart attack after struggling in the strong currents.

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Is child abuse now just more hidden from view?

Child abuse reporting is down, but authorities are worried

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Authorities have seen a dramatic decrease in the number of child abuse cases being reported, but they aren't viewing it as good news.

Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic and Jamie Rossow, executive director of the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Michigan, say they suspect that child abuse is actually up and is just not being reported. They said this is occurring not just locally but all across the country.

Sepic and Rossow said in a joint news release Friday that they suspect stress and isolation from the COVID-19 pandemic has likely increased instances of child abuse and, for some children, has created a dangerous environment. Many reports of suspected abuse come from school officials, and schools have not been in session since March.

Although anyone is allowed to report suspected child abuse or neglect, some people are required to by law. The Michigan Child Protection Law requires that doctors, nurses, other medical providers including audiologists and dentists, social workers, counselors and therapists, Friend of the Court employees, school administrators, counselors and teachers, child care providers, police and members of the clergy are among those who are required to report suspicions of abuse.

Sepic and Rossow said mandated reporters are an essential part of the child protection system because they have an enhanced ability, through their expertise and direct contact with children, to identify suspected child abuse and neglect. Reports made by mandated reporters are confirmed at nearly double the rate of those made by non-mandated reporters, they said.

There are civil and criminal penalties for a mandated reporter's failure to report suspected child abuse or neglect to the Michigan Department for Health & Human Services. Likewise, there is a civil and criminal immunity for someone who, in good faith, makes a report that cannot be substantiated.

The information in a Children's Protective Services report must be provided by the person who actually has observed the injuries or had contact with the child, and this cannot be delegated to another person.

Rossow said as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, online communication has become the primary method of contact for people who work with children, and abuse can be recognized virtually and still must be reported, even if the mandated reporter has not had face-to-face contact with the alleged victim.

The Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Michigan offers several abuse awareness, prevention, and reporting trainings to professionals and the community at no cost. For more information, contact Prevention and Outreach Specialist, Allie Kibler-Campbell, at akiblercampbell@swmichigancac.org or 556-9640.

Contact: jswidwa@TheHP.com, 932-0359, Twitter @HPSwidwa

New COVID-19 cases plateaued this week in Berrien County

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Berrien County saw a decrease in the number of new COVID-19 cases this past week after seeing an uptick for most of July.

The county gained 64 new COVID-19 cases from Friday to Friday, compared to 120 new cases the week before and 93 new cases the week before that.

The number of active cases decreased as well, with 115 recoveries and one death being reported in the last week as well.

There are now about 89 active cases, down from about 141 last Friday.

In total, the county has recorded 1,093 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 940 recoveries and 64 deaths.

The county is at 240 presumed positive cases, a number that has been about the same for two months now. These are mostly cases from early on in the pandemic when people weren't getting tested, isolating at home and recovering.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 13 COVID-19 patients as of Friday morning, the same number as on Thursday and down one from last Friday.

At the end of June, the percent of tests coming back as positive for COVID-19 was just under 2 percent. In July it rose to 4.7 percent last week, and is now back down to 3.7 percent as of Tuesday.

The Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) reported on its

See **COVID-19**, page B2

TRAFFIC TIE-UP

Louise Wrege / HP staff

Vehicles were backed up for several hours on I-94 Friday after a semi-truck rear-ended another semi around 10:30 a.m., according to Lincoln Township Police Officer Bryce Schadler. The accident left only one eastbound lane open at the 23.5 mile marker, and a crane had to be used to separate the semis. It is unknown whether there were any injuries. Also on scene were the Michigan State Police, Berrien County Sheriff's Office and Lincoln Township Fire Department.

PRIMARY ELECTION

5 candidates seek 4 trustee seats in Lincoln Township

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP — Five candidates are running for four available trustee seats in Lincoln Township for the Aug. 4 primary.

Among the five Republican candidates are four incumbents: Marc Florian, Thomas Norbey II, Deborah Peterson and Rick Stone. Also running is challenger Kevin Gillette, a familiar face who previously served as township supervisor and as a trustee.

The top four vote-getters will move on to the November general election, where they will run unopposed. The seats all carry four-year terms.

Florian, 59, is a lifelong resident who recently retired from Environmental Consulting and Technology. The trustee has served on the township planning commission, Lakeland Health Foundation Board and the finance committee for Cornerstone Alliance.

"I've always been intrigued by the planning issues that affect the township," he said. "That has been my primary reason for remaining involved in township government. I would like to help ensure the aesthetic attributes that make this community a place where we want to live to be there in the future."

With more than 20 years of experience in municipal positions, he's served on the Berrien County Planning Commission, as campaign chairman for the FixBerrienRoads millage campaign in 2012, and as a volunteer at the Berrien County Youth Fair.

Norbey, 52, along with serving as trustee, is chairman for the township's Community Fun Day and president of the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce.

"I like serving for the people. I have absolutely loved it. I love the detailed work," he said. "My focus as a trustee is backing up the parks department and connecting the non-motorized path so people can walk or bike safely."

Deborah Peterson, 69, previously worked as the deputy treasurer to St. Joseph Township for 33 years and remains a trustee for Lincoln Townshp.

"I would like to see the pedestrian non-motorized path completed. I used to walk that with my children and had to maneuver the traffic," she said. "I would like to see that project through. I also plan to continue supporting the parks department."

Rick Stone, 68, has served on the Stevensville Downtown Development Authority and Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce,

"I've been in Stevensville for about 40 years. I appreciate the community and want to be a part of keeping it an attractive area," Stone said. "My goal has always been to represent the residents. I'm choosing to maintain that."

Gillette last ran for public office in 2016, when he campaigned for the Berrien County drain commissioner position. Prior to that he had served two terms as a trustee for Lincoln Township, which followed his stint years ago as township supervisor.

He did not return a call for comment for this story.

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Sentences

St. Joseph

Assault

Marlowe J. Heard, 46, of Columbus Avenue, Benton Harbor, 43 months to 10 years in prison, credit for 47 days served, $198 in costs and $364 in restitution for assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, stabbing Harvey Lee Wilburn March 6 in Benton Harbor; and a concurrent term of 16 months to 2 years, $198 in costs and $3,809 in restitution for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Benton Harbor Public Safety Officer Chad Williams June 11 in Benton Harbor.

Drunken driving

Ronald D. Whitright, 55, of Royalton Heights Road, St. Joseph, 90 days in jail, credit for 43 days served, $2,918 in fines and costs, 480 hours community service and 3 years probation for operating while intoxicated, third offense, Aug. 24, 2019, in St. Joseph.

Evangelina M. Diaz, 19, of Battle Creek, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $2,863 in fines and costs, 120 days on SCRAM tether and 3 years probation for operating while intoxicated causing serous injury to Heather Flores April 29 in Watervliet Township.

Theresa A. Butler, 56, of Burgoyne Road, Berrien Springs, 30 days in jail, credit for 6 days served, $2,623 in fines and costs, 90 days on SCRAM tether, 480 hours community service and 2 years probation for operating while intoxicated, third offense, March 29 in Weesaw Township.

Stealing

Shanika Laquita-Taylor Brown, 28, of Blossom Lane, Benton Harbor, 30 days in jail, credit for 1 day served, $2,318 in fines and costs, $225 in restitution and 2 years probation for stealing/retaining a financial transaction device without consent Jan. 30 in Benton Harbor.

Criminal sexual conduct

Trevion M. Jones, 20, of Colfax Avenue, Benton Harbor, 120 days in jail, credit for 20 days served, $3,558 in fines and costs and 5 years probation for fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct with a 14-year-old girl using force or coercion April 15, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

See **TRIAL COURT**, page B2

In a very blue year, the Blueberry Festival will not be denied

South Haven's largest festival will be reduced, but not defeated

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Memorial Day parade – canceled. Riverfront Concert Series – canceled. Fourth of July parade – canceled. Van Buren Youth Fair – canceled.

And on and on it goes.

It seems this year that every summer event that draws people to South Haven has been nixed due to fears of spreading the coronavirus.

However, there is one event not canceled. The National Blueberry Festival – South Haven's largest summertime event – is still a go, though next weekend's event will be significantly reduced.

"It's 92 percent less, but 100 percent delicious," promised festival Director Megan Cairns.

So don't expect to cheer kids on during the blueberry pie eating contest, listen to live outdoor concerts, or enjoy perusing the many booths of the craft fair.

Instead, you'll have to take part in some of the festival events virtually, while social distancing at "live" events.

"We worked long and hard to find a way to still have a festival this year," said John Deschaine, chair of the Blueberry Festival board of directors. "And while this year's festival will be greatly reduced, it did allow us to focus on what is important – blueberries and our community."

To underscore the town's blueberry heritage, the festival will open next Friday with Farm Day, where families can visit local growers for various blueberry products and U-Pick opportunities. A list of participating farms can be found on the festival's website. People who tour three farms will be able to get a free slice of blueberry pie on Saturday from the festival booth at the Huron Street pavilion, downtown, while supplies last.

The focus will continue on blueberry farmers on Saturday, when they set up booths at Blueberry Central Market at the Huron Street pavilion. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., people can purchase a variety of blueberry-related products.

Another outdoor "live" event will

See **FESTIVAL**, page B2

Photo submitted

Blueberry Festival organizers have had fun with this year's logo, which features tough berries staring down the troublesome coronavirus.

COVID-19

From page B1

Facebook page Friday that about 25 percent of the newly diagnosed COVID-19 patients are asymptomatic. It is much more rare for someone without symptoms to spread COVID-19 to their close contacts, according to the health department.

Van Buren/Cass

Van Buren and Cass counties gained about the same number of new cases over the last week as it did the week before.

Van Buren County gained 55 new cases and Cass County gained 35. The week before, Van Buren gained 46 new cases and Cass gained 34.

The Van Buren Cass District Health Department released its weekly number of recovered individuals Friday.

There are now 208 people recovered in Van Buren County and 150 people recovered in Cass County.

That's an addition of 16 recoveries in Van Buren County and 25 recoveries in Cass County over the last week.

Each county gained one new COVID-19 death this week.

There are now about 140 active cases in Van Buren County, up from 102 last Friday.

Cass County has about 107 active cases, up from 97 last Friday.

Van Buren County had about 3.8 percent of its tests coming back positive as of Tuesday. Last week the county was at 4.1 percent.

Cass County saw a rise over the week, with now 5.6 percent of its tests coming back positive. Last week the county was at 5.1 percent.

Contact: anewman@TheHP.com, 932-0357, Twitter: @HPANewman

Whitmer vetoes nursing home bill

LANSING (AP) — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Friday vetoed Republican-sponsored legislation that would have let nursing homes house coronavirus-infected residents only in a separate building from where other residents live.

In a letter to senators, the Democratic governor said she had protected nursing home residents and the bill was "based on the false premise that isolation units created within existing facilities are somehow insufficient to protect seniors." The measure had attracted some Democratic support in the GOP-led Legislature.

It would have required the state health department, by Sept. 1, to ensure there is at least one dedicated facility for COVID-19 patients in each of eight regions to care for people ineligible for admission to a hospital, nursing home or adult foster care facility.

"The legislation fails to explain how such facilities would be staffed or paid for, or how frail residents would be protected during the potentially traumatic transfer from one facility to another," Whitmer wrote.

The bill was a response to the governor's order that lets people with the virus be transferred and isolated in certain "hub" nursing homes that also have non-infected residents. Republicans and other critics say the practice defies common sense and has led to infections among vulnerable, elderly residents – though there is no direct evidence. The nursing home industry has blamed positive cases on the virus spreading within communities where the facilities are located.

Whitmer's office, in a news release, called community spread "the single-greatest threat to the residents of long-term care facilities." Republicans have noted that New York reversed a directive sending recovering coronavirus patients to vulnerable nursing homes.

IN BRIEF

Covert seeks renewal of 18 mills

COVERT — Covert Public Schools will be seeking a six-year renewal of the 18 mills it levies for non-homestead residences and businesses during Tuesday's primary election.

"The funds generated through this millage represent an estimated $7 million for the district, or about 80 percent of the district's total operating budget," said District Superintendent Yolanda Brunt. "So it is imperative that t he people vote on Aug. 4."

The non-homestead millage does not affect homeowners who use their homes as primary residences. Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. or registered voters can vote by absentee ballot.

"The main two taxpayers that generate a large portion of this amount are Entergy Nuclear Palisades and New Covert Generating Company," Brunt said. "Failure to pass the millage renewal would result in a significant loss in operating revenue for the school district beginning in 2021."

I&M to conduct aerial inspections

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Indiana Michigan Power will conduct aerial inspections of its high-voltage lines from a helicopter beginning Monday, according to a news release. The inspections help maintain the reliability of the electric transmission system.

The inspections will be in Southwest Michigan between Monday and Aug. 15.

I&M's contractor will conduct the inspections from a red-and-white helicopter with the number N-88LH. The aircraft will fly about 50-100 feet above the lines at a speed of 40-45 mph, covering about 350 miles each day. During inspections, the helicopter may need to circle a single structure or area several times to check the condition of electrical equipment.

Flights are scheduled to occur from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weather delays could alter flight schedules. Customers with questions or concerns about aerial inspections should contact I&M at 800-311-4634.

COVERT TWP.

Challenger takes on 2 incumbent trustees

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

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COVERT — Two incumbents and a challenger are on the ballot Tuesday for two Covert Township trustee positions.

Democrat incumbent trustees Kenneth Harrington Sr. and Lonzey Taylor will square off against Democrat challenger Dawn Alspaugh for the two, four-year seats.

Alspaugh, 55, is seeking a first term as trustee.

"I am running for the position to bring more positive thinking and look forward to making our community great, a place people want to live and raise their kids and to attract more business," she said.

Alspaugh, who is office manager for Jack's Excavating & Trucking LLC, said the closing of Palisades power plant poses the biggest challenge for the township.

"If I win the seat, I look forward to working with the board to try to attract business and residents to come to our community to live and raise a family. I will strive hard to make Covert great and help it grow."

In addition to her job as office manager, Alspaugh is a member of the township's Board of Review and the Covert Housing Commission. She also is active with the Van Buren Youth Fair.

Harrington, 57, has served as a township board trustee for the past 12 years.

"I am running for re-election because we have much more to accomplish," he said. "As a 12-year board member, I am well-equipped to help the board make informed decisions to help the township continue to grow and become a better place to live and do business. I am committed to serving the taxpayers through transparency and the proper use of our tax dollars."

Like other candidates, Harrington said the township will need to come up with new ways to generate revenue that will be lost when Palisades closes.

"The CR 378 corridor from Interstate 196 remain underutilized," he said. "The potential for commercial/industrial development in the 378 corridor is waiting to happen. We may provide tax incentives for current and future business owners, and seek out potential grant enhancement opportunities. We must remain fiscally conservative, ensuring that the decisions we make are in the best interest of our taxpayers."

Harrington, who is employed full-time as an investigator for the Michigan Department of Corrections, is a member of the Michigan Corrections Organization and the Michigan Township Association.

Taylor, 62, hopes to win a second four-year trustee term trustee.

He said he wants to continue to "be a voice for the township residents."

He, too, thinks the township will face tough economic times over the next several years.

"The biggest challenge will be the reduction in our tax base due to Palisades plant closing," he said.

Taylor, who has worked at Palisades for the past 44 years, is currently a lead repairman there. He also has served as a volunteer for the Covert Township Fire Department and has an EMT license. However, he is currently on a leave of absence due to serving as a township board member.

FESTIVAL

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be the Kids Scavenger Hunt. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, families can obtain a Scavenger Hunt page at the Blueberry Festival booth at the Huron Street pavilion to answer clues that can be found within a four-block radius of South Haven. Kids who solve the most clues will receive a prize.

"This is something fun that families can do at their own pace and be socially distanced," Cairns said.

The remainder of the festival events, most happening online, are:

■ Youth Pageant: Due to COVID restrictions, this year's pageant will not take place on stage. Instead, contestants will be interviewed separately on Saturday, with winners announced afterwards. "It's difficult this year, but we want to make it fun," Cairns said.

■ Blueberry 5K run/walk: This event normally attracts about 1,000 runners who run together through downtown streets and along the lakeshore. But this year's race will be done in a manner that encourages great social distancing. Runners and walkers interested in participating can register online, choose from a variety of routes and then complete the race on their own. There is a fee for the event, which is a fundraiser for the festival. Participants will receive a free T-shirt.

■ Kids 1K Fun Run: Similar to the 5K run/walk, kids can enter online and then complete a 0.6-mile route that begins at Kids Corner playground. Each child who completes the fun run will receive a bag of prizes.

■ Postcard Perfect Photo Contest: Participants have from Aug. 1-31 to capture their favorite photos that focus either on blueberries or the festival. Photos can be loaded through Instagram, by tagging 2nbf_south_haven. The winner, who will be chosen Sept. 14th, will receive 50 postcards of their photographic image to give to family and friends, as well as merchandise gift certificates for the 2021 Blueberry Festival.

■ Fun blueberry-related videos for kids and adults: People can view several videos on the festival's Facebook site geared to both children and adults. One of the videos shows adults how to make various beverages that include blueberries. The children's video shows local Blossomtime queens, including Miss South Haven and Miss Bangor, reading children's books that feature blueberries.

TRIAL COURT

From page B1

Drugs

Joshua J. Gallert, 37, of Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma, 4-20 years in prison, credit for 37 days served, and $198 in costs for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, second offense, Feb. 16 in Benton Township; a concurrent term of 33 days for contempt of court, a bond violation; and two concurrent terms of 32 days for contempt of court, a bond violation, and failure to appear in court.

Fleeing police

Jerail L. Porter Jr., 18, of Clay Avenue, Benton Harbor, 90 days in jail, credit for 51 days served, $2,378 in fines and costs, $2,657 in restitution and 2 years probation for third-degree fleeing police May 24 in Benton Harbor.

Niles

Drugs

Norbert Machan, 34, of South Bend, 4 days in jail, credit for 4 days served, $658 in fines and costs 90 days on tether, 2 years probation and driver's license suspended for 180 days for use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, second offense, Jan. 31 in Niles.

Terry Z. Camp, 34, of South Bend, 19 months to 10 years in prison, credit for 51 days served, and $198 in costs for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, May 30 in Niles Township.

Fleeing/resisting police

Demetrious D. Barnett Jr., 23, of Platt Street, Niles, 7 days in jail for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Niles police officer Shane Daniel Jan. 2 in Niles.

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Watervliet Schools Announces Fall 2020 School of Choice Openings

Watervliet Public Schools announces that the district will accept applications from non-resident students for the Fall Semester of the 2020-2021 school year beginning July 31, 2020. The application period will remain open until August 14, 2020.

To be eligible for Schools of Choice, applicants must be a resident of a district within an intermediate school district contiguous to the boundaries of the educating district's intermediate school district. Transportation will not be provided for non-resident students. The non-resident applicant's district of residence will be asked to provide information for evaluating the student's application. Watervliet Public Schools may refuse to enroll a non-resident applicant who has been expelled and/or suspended within the preceding two years from school or has a poor attendance record at their resident district.

If the number of qualified non-resident applicants exceeds the enrollment allotments available, the district will use a random draw system that complies with State & Federal anti-discrimination laws. Applications not accepted by the random draw will be placed on a waiting list.

The following grade level openings are available for the 2020-21 School Year:

Young 5/ Kindergarten:	9	Grade 4:	0	Grade 9:	0
Grade 1:	4	Grade 5:	11	Grade 10:	0
Grade 2:	0	Grade 6:	9	Grade 11:	0
Grade 3:	0	Grade 7:	3	Grade 12:	0
		Grade 8:	1		

To obtain an application form or for further information contact Deah Muth at 463-0300 or stop by the Superintendent's office located in Watervliet High School.

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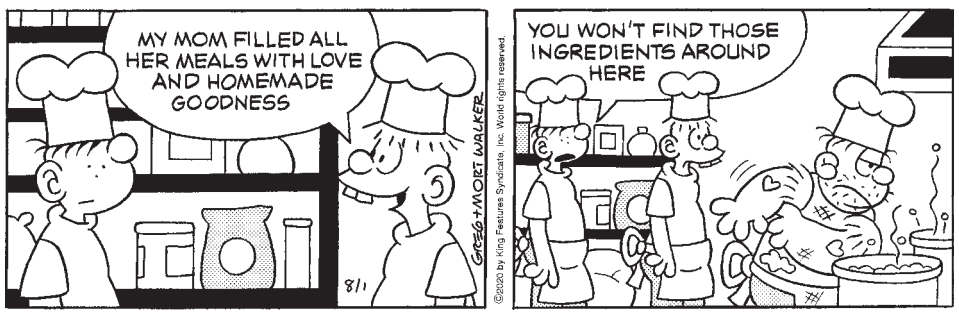
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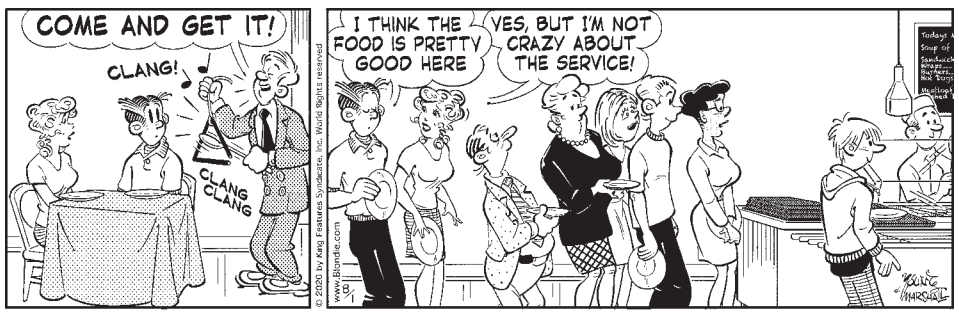
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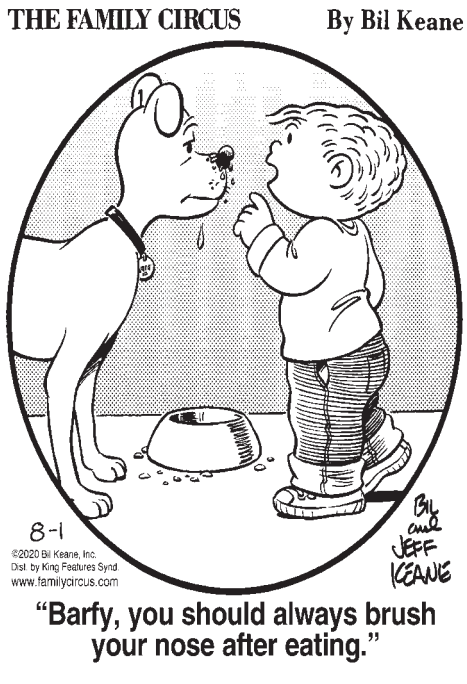

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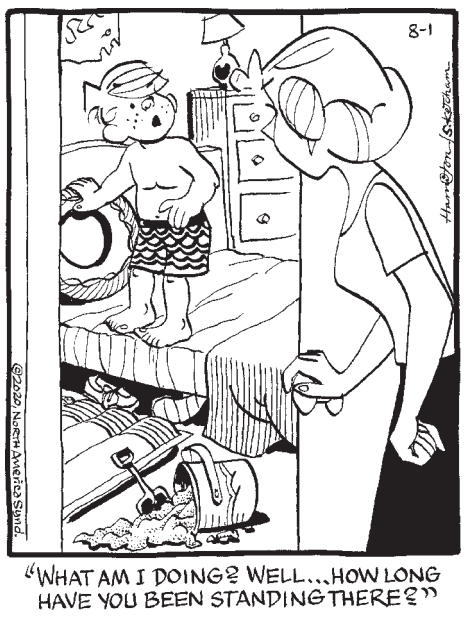

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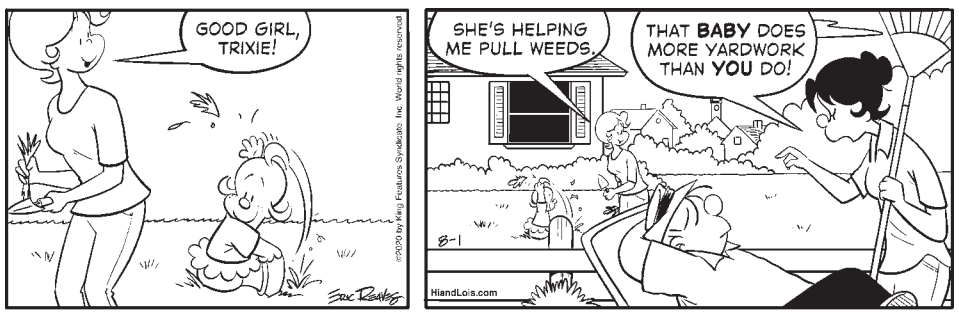
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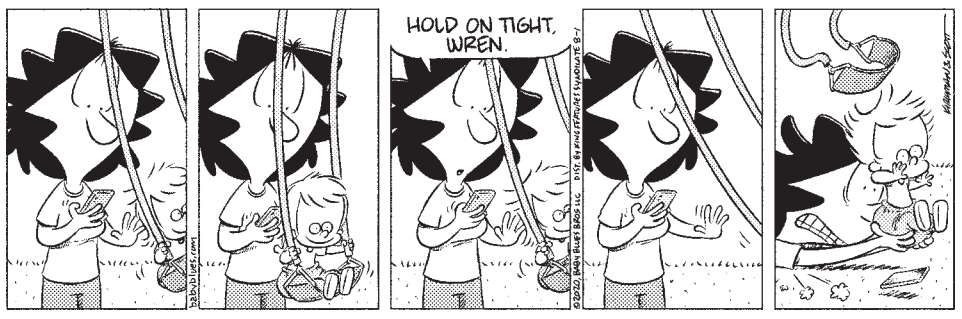

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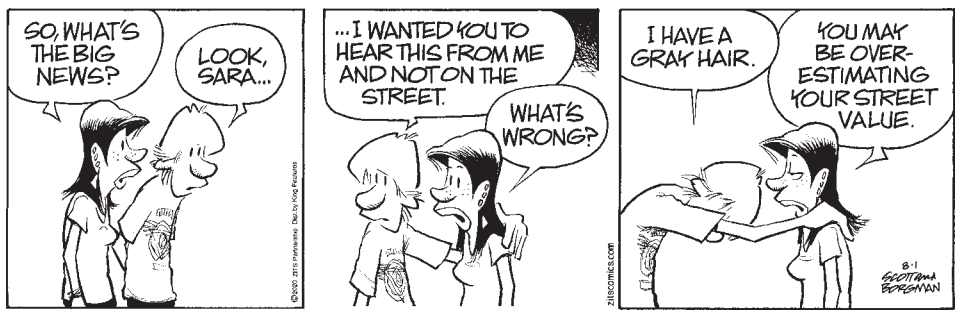
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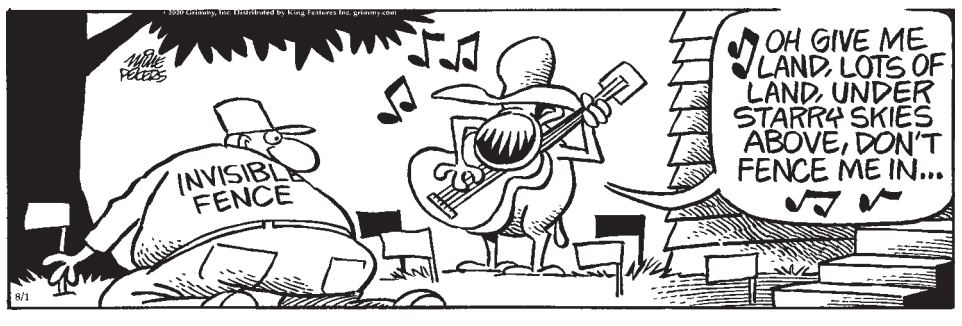
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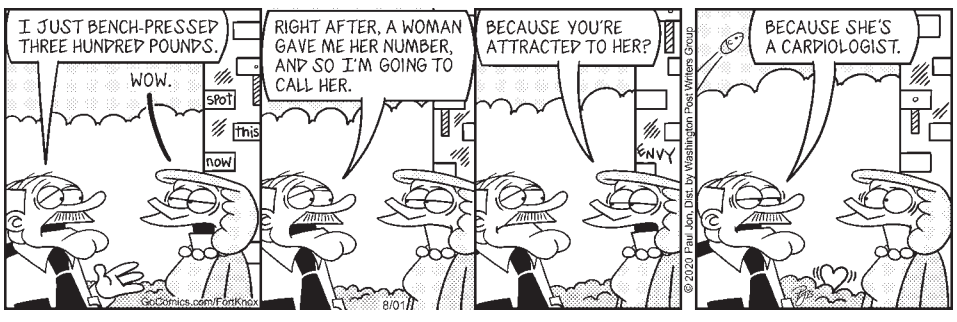
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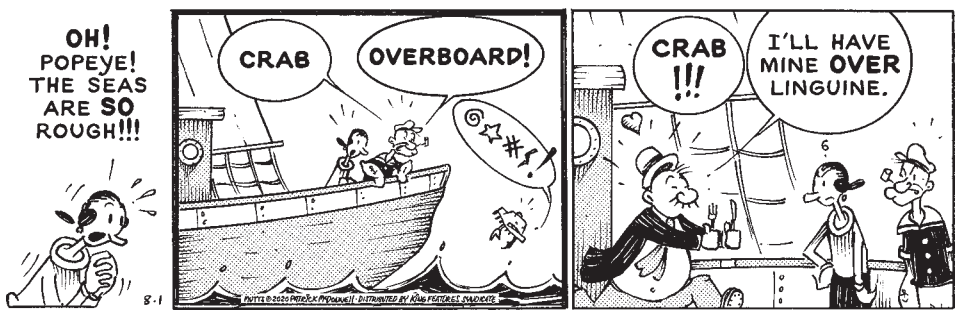

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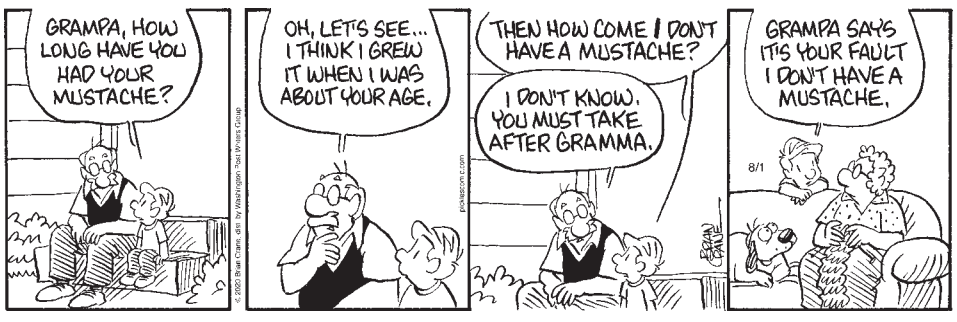
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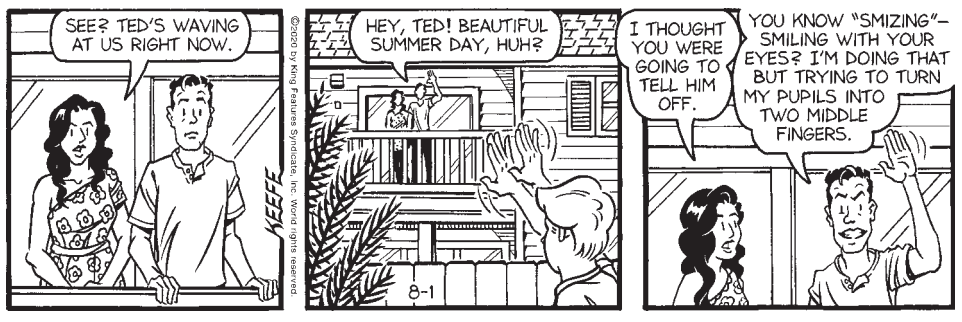
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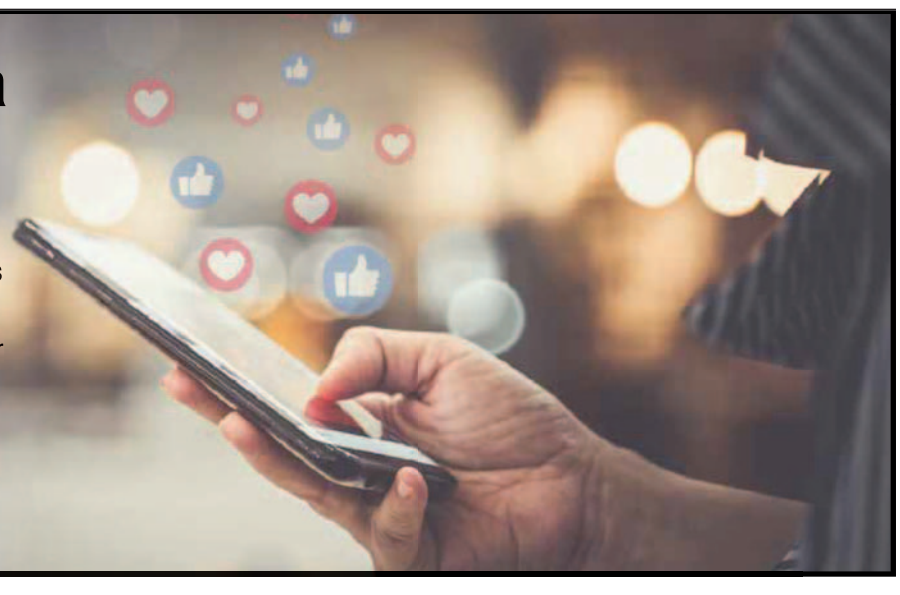

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Submitting hunting or fishing photos

Have a behemoth buck, a tremendous turkey or super-sized salmon? Please submit photos to sports@TheHP.com.

Your photo must be in focus, all persons in the photo must be identified, and the general location of the hunt must be provided (for example, 10-point buck shot in Benton Township, black bear shot near Munising, Mich., etc.)

Photo provided / Janet King

A cedar waxwing is seen July 16 in Watervliet Township. Cedar waxwings are plentiful year-round in Southwest Michigan.

Cedar waxwings a staple of Southwest Michigan

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

Cedar waxwings are plentiful in Southwest Michigan all year, and Janet King of Watervliet Township recently captured some nice images of the species at her home.

In King's photo you can see the yellow tail band and red wing-tip feathers.

Waxwings prefer open woodlands, preferable near plants bearing fruits, and will often, but not always, nest in colonies. In the warm months, cedar waxwings eat both berries and insects.

Fruit bearing trees and shrubs such as eastern red cedar, flowering dogwood, and staghorn sumac are frequently utilized by cedar waxwings in the winter months.

Nests are placed at least 6 feet off the ground, but may be constructed up to 50 feet up. A pair of waxwings may have two broods per year. The young are fed insects after hatching but are fed berries after a few days.

Cedar waxwings that nest in Michigan move southward in fall, and individuals that nest to the north move into our region for the winter.

Bob and Pat Conrad of St. Joseph Township played host to a family of green herons this summer, two of which posed long enough for photographs.

The two green herons seen in the accompanying photograph appear to be young hatched this year, told by their white and brown streaked necks. Adult green herons have chestnut-brown plumage on the sides of their necks. If you look closely, you may see down feathers on the crests of the herons.

The green heron is common during summer across the Lower Peninsula, where it inhabits brushy wetlands. The species is most abundant among the southwestern counties and is less common around the Detroit region. It is uncommon in the Upper Peninsula.

Green heron nests may be solitary or colonial, are constructed in thick brush or a small tree, and are made out of twigs and small branches. An average of three young are hatched once per year and do not acquire their adult plumage until the following summer.

In Berrien County, the green heron arrives back from its wintering grounds around April 20 and does not become common until early to mid-May.

Southward migration starts during August and peaks in September, with the last fall sighting occurring around October 4. Occasionally lingering green herons are sighted locally through late October.

Green herons spend the winter in the Southeastern United States south through Mexico and Central America to northern South America.

Brad Anderson photographed an adult male summer tanager on July 21 in Warren Dunes State Park. The summer tanager is uncommon in Michigan with only a few known breeding pairs, including a pair that have nested at Warren Dunes for the last several years.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

Photo provided / Bob Conrad

A pair of green herons are seen July 21 in St. Joseph.

Photo provided / Brad Anderson

A male summer tanager is seen July 21 at Warren Dunes State Park.

FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

St. Joseph: Very good perch fishing continues. The only problem was rough lake conditions. Fish have been caught both north and south of the piers in 19 to 30 feet. Salmon fishing was slow, but the lake trout action was decent in 100 feet. Pier fishing was slow for all species.

St. Joseph River: The river was producing a couple steelhead.

South Haven: Salmon anglers were still catching lake trout in 100 feet or so. A couple boats fishing deeper found a few salmon. Perch fishing was slow, with only a few taken south of the pier in 25 feet.

Holland: Pier anglers caught freshwater drum while casting spoons.

Lake Macatawa: The DNR boat launch is closed due to high water.

Port Sheldon: Salmon and trout action was hit or miss. Salmon were found 45 to 120 feet down in 80 to 160 feet with green meat rigs and flies. Lake trout were taken on spin-glo's along the bottom.

Grand Haven: The Harbor Island boat launch remains closed.

Grand River near Grand Rapids: Slow walleye fishing, but a few smaller fish were caught on minnows in the Belmont and Saranac area. Smallmouth bass were caught on minnows. A few big catfish were caught below 6th Street and near Johnson Park. A few limit catches of bluegill were taken in the flooded timber near Bruce's Bayou.

Morrison Lake: The lake was producing a good number of nice crappie.

Muskegon: A few salmon were caught 50 to 100 feet down in 70 to 150 feet with green and yellow meat rigs or white flies. Pier anglers caught freshwater drum.

Muskegon Lake: The lake was producing some perch, walleye and bass.

Muskegon River: The river has fair to good smallmouth action for those using topwater flies. Hardy Dam Pond continues to produce smaller walleye and a few smallmouth bass.

– Michigan DNR, July 29

New deer hunting regulations announced

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission has approved a new package of deer regulations.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources deer program experts say the regulations, which will be in effect for the 2020 deer hunting season, will provide additional opportunities and cost savings for hunters and offer flexibility in how hunters pursue deer.

The DNR uses existing and projected data to gauge the impact of proposed regulations. The data shows that the projected changes will not have a significant negative effect on the deer herd or the quality of deer hunting.

"These recommendations are aimed at making it easier for hunters of all ages and experience levels to enjoy a Michigan outdoor tradition, while at the same time facing the present and future challenges of managing the state's abundant deer population," said Chad Stewart, the DNR's deer, elk and moose program leader in a news release.

Approved deer regulations for 2020 include:

Statewide

■ Liberty and Independence hunt qualifications now include deaf people.

■ Mentored youths (age 9 and younger), junior license holders (age 10-16) and apprentice license holders are exempt from antler point restrictions in all seasons, in all deer management units (DMUs) and under all licenses, which includes both the regular and restricted tags on the deer combo license.

■ Hunters with disabilities may use single-bite and multibite baits during the Liberty and Independence hunts. Hunters participating in the Liberty and Independence hunts may begin baiting five days before both hunts.

Upper Peninsula

■ Upper Peninsula archers in select DMUs may pursue antlerless deer with their deer/deer combo license. The following DMUs continue to be closed to antlerless harvest during the archery seasons: 027, 031, 036, 042, 066, 127 and 131. Additional DMUs may be open or closed based on the snowfall totals from the prior winter, pending DNR analysis. Please see the 2020 Hunting Digest for complete regulations when it becomes available in August.

Lower Peninsula

■ In addition to the archery season, antlerless deer may be taken on the deer/deer combo license during the firearm and muzzleloader seasons in all Lower Peninsula DMUs.

■ Early and late antlerless seasons will be open in all Lower Peninsula mainland DMUs.

■ Antlerless deer may be taken on a deer/deer combo license during both the early and late antlerless seasons in the Lower Peninsula.

■ Antlerless quotas will change in select DMUs.

■ The muzzleloader season in the southern Lower Peninsula will be shortened to 10 days and the late antlerless firearm season will begin the Monday after the muzzleloader season concludes in the Lower Peninsula. Muzzleloaders can be used on public lands in Zone 3 during the late antlerless firearm season to take any deer with a valid tag.

■ All legal firearms may be used during the muzzleloader season in the southern Lower Peninsula.

■ Carcass movement restrictions will be scaled to areas most affected by chronic wasting disease. This aligns movement restrictions to areas with the highest risk of CWD is being observed.

– From the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

CPL classes: The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes through the end of the year.

August: Register from 6-7 p.m. Aug. 11. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Aug. 13 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 15

September: Register from 6-7 p.m. Sept. 15. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Sept. 17 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 19.

October: Register from 6-7 p.m. Oct. 6. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Oct. 8 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 10.

December: Register from 6-7 p.m. Dec. 1. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Dec. 3 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 5.

For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

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The House, a tutoring center in Glencoe, Ill., has refocused its services on "micro-schooling pods" to help students with remote learning in small groupings to address safety concerns.

'Pandemic pods' and 'micro-schools'

How parents are finding ways to help their kids – and themselves – manage schooling at home

By KAREN ANN CULLOTTA
Chicago Tribune

Tutoring pods are shown behind giant letter on glass at The House in Glencoe, Ill.

CHICAGO — After spending months keeping her 6-year-old daughter occupied with nature hikes, scavenger hunts and virtual play dates, Julia Devetski was hoping she could finally return to work full time again once the energetic soon-to-be first grader was back in the classroom at her school in Chicago.

But as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage – and after learning that her daughter and her Chicago Public Schools classmates will be doing remote learning at home at least part of the time when the new school year starts in September – Devetski joined the soaring ranks of parents who are counting on "pandemic pods" or "micro-schools" as a solution to their dilemma.

"She needs more time with kids, and I need a little more help with controlling the remote learning situation while I'm working," said Devetski, a consumer researcher and single parent who's been brainstorming with her neighbors to find the right person to lead a pod for her daughter and a few other children in their condo.

"I had looked at my neighborhood public school as a place where I could send (her) every day, and know that she was safe, happy and learning while I was working," Devetski said. "Now, everything seems so uncertain, and totally out of our control."

Equal parts traditional home schooling and Mary Poppins-style nurturing – with a COVID-19 sheltering-in-place twist – these new arrangements are beckoning parents who desperately need support as they juggle working from home with keeping tabs on their kids' education.

Generally, the idea of pandemic pods – sometimes called micro-schools, Safe Centers for Online Learning or SCOLs – is to supplement or oversee remote learning, rather that replace it, for parents who have the resources.

The cry for help, which includes legions of parents daunted by the prospect of their kids returning to school and potentially catching the virus, has also spawned a burgeoning network of providers ranging from posh private tutoring centers to retired public school teachers and recent college grads, all of whom are offering to organize and supervise in-home instruction for groups of roughly three to five children.

The movement, which advocates a safe, small-group learning environment, and allows families to pick and choose their children's pod-mates, is highly appealing to parents like northwest Indiana mom MacKenzie Ledley, who said she is not ready for her 6-year-old son, Joseph, who has asthma, to return to the classroom this fall while the pandemic shows no signs of subsidizing.

"I think the pods are a nice idea, because they provide a measure of safety due to it being just a small group, and it also offers a chance for our children to socialize," Ledley said. "We had a choice for him to go back in person, or do remote instruction, which we selected, because we're just not comfortable with him going back into a school environment at this time."

Ledley, a library director, said she and her husband, a hospital communication director, have been working from home since mid-March, and the couple is searching on Facebook for a tutor to support their son and his fellow pod-mates during their remote learning experience.

"I know we're lucky to be able to have two incomes to help pay for a tutor, and we're grateful, because we know a lot of families don't have that option," Ledley said.

At this point, Loren Godfrey's daughter, Raegan, 6, is due to return to Nettelhorst Elementary School in Lakeview in the fall with two days of in-person learning, and two to three days of remote instruction.

But with the Chicago Teachers Union calling for a remote-only instruction model for fall, and the district not due to make a final decision until this month, parents are dealing with a lot of uncertainty on top of concerns about safety and schooling.

Godfrey, who works for a publishing house, and her husband, Jerrod, who just launched a startup company, had briefly considered a pod or micro-school for their rising first grader, but concluded the trend, albeit interesting, could have potential legal consequences.

"What would happen if we hire a retired teacher, and they get exposed to COVID? Or if one of the kids in the pod gets hurt in your home?" Godfrey said. "I just don't think you can take that kind of risk these days."

The couple, who both work from home and also have a 3-year-old, are hopeful that their neighborhood Jewish community center might open a classroom for students who need schoolwork supervision, which would also give their older daughter a chance to socialize with peers.

"She's spent four to five months stuck in the house. … It's time," Loren Godfrey said.

When the COVID-19 pandemic forced Gil Gibori to shutter his academic tutoring lounge, The House, in Glencoe, Ill., last spring, the timing could not have been worse.

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There's plenty to celebrate in August

Some might think of August as the month without any major holidays.

Alexandra Newman
Let's Celebrate

We just wrapped up the Fourth of July and we're headed full steam to Labor Day.

But August has many days to celebrate if you look for them. Like today, National Disc Golf Day.

The day, founded by the Professional Disc Golf Association, is meant to celebrate the sport that's perfect for social distancing.

While I've never played, it seems like a sport that combines some athletic ability with some smarts – so perfect for the whole family.

Everyone loves a chocolate chip cookie. If you don't, you're wrong.

National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day is Aug. 4. The day is for eating, baking and sharing those delicious little discs of goodness. It sounds like the perfect day to break that quarantine diet if you ask me.

Last year, I told you about National Underwear Day on Aug. 5, but the day is also National Oyster Day.

I have never eaten an oyster, but apparently they're popular. The world eats about 2 billion pounds of oysters each year.

Aug. 7 might be a great day to go for a walk on the pier in St. Joseph or South Haven, or learn about the lighthouse that used to be in New Buffalo.

Getty Images

Start August off right by playing disc golf today on National Disc Golf Day.

If you need a day to just read some books, Aug. 9 is for you. It's National Book Lovers Day.

Aug. 10 is National Lazy Day and National Shapewear Day. While there are a few jokes I could make about those days, I'll be lazy.

But on Aug. 15 I will be relaxing because it's National Relaxation Day. The day was founded by a fourth grader in 1985.

Last year, I told you about Aug. 6 being National Wiggle Your Toes Day. August has even more feet-based holidays with National I Love My Feet Day on Aug. 17.

The day was founded by an author and shoe/foot consultant as a way to remind people to take care of their feet because they play such an important part in our everyday lives. Apparently, about 75 percent of adults have foot problems at some point.

A day to spread a little good this month is Aug. 22. It's National Be an Angel Day. The day was created in 1993 as a way for people to be someone's angel and to encourage acts of kindness.

That could be offering an ear to listen, donating goods to a family in need or just giving out some socially distant waves and smiles.

I will include Aug. 27 just because it is National Just Because Day.

The day was founded by a California family in the late 1950s and eventually spread to become a national holiday. It's meant to celebrate doing things just because you can. That could be buying a new outfit, going on a road trip or staying home and doing nothing – just because.

Hopefully the weather will be nice for National Beach Day on Aug. 30.

In 1929, the Knights of Columbus in Milwaukee launched a National Beach Day as part of their

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Tips on how to develop a successful mentoring relationship

A long time ago, someone told me, "If you need a mentor, find a wing and crawl under it."

Christine Vanlandingham
Generations

Their advice was to identify the expertise you need, a life you admire, values that match yours, and intentionally seek out people who are ahead of you in those areas. Then ask for their input and advice.

It may or may not result in an ongoing formal mentor relationship but will almost always result in you learning something valuable and building a network of mutually supportive relationships.

Following that advice, I've "crawled under a lot of wings" over the years and learned some invaluable lessons from people willing to share their wisdom. I've also made room under my wing to mentor others.

Most of us can point to a person, or several people, whose positive influence has helped shape who we are today. These mentors share their time, expertise and insights to help us grow personally and professionally.

"Mentors are wisdom keepers," says Rabbi Victor Gross, co-director of ALEPH Sage-ing, a spiritual mentoring program in Boulder, Colo. "What is wisdom? It's the combination of knowledge and experience."

Though we tend to think of mentoring as a relationship in which an older person passes down wisdom to someone younger, it can also be peer-to-peer, or a younger person who acts as an adviser to an elder.

Studies have identified positive outcomes for mentees, including motivational, relational, career and health benefits. Gross says mentors benefit, too.

"It's a wonderful feeling that you get from being a successful mentor," he said. "It can fill your life with purpose. Mentoring can help someone feel needed, significant and enjoyed."

If you're ready to share your wisdom and help someone reach their full potential, mentoring may be right for you. The following tips from experts can help you develop a successful mentoring relationship.

Be willing to commit: The longer a mentoring relationship lasts, the stronger the benefits, according to a 2002 study about youth mentoring published in the American Journal of Community Psychology. In most

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‘We owe far more to our environment than we realize’

Kunga Nyima
Insights

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I have been installing a small waterfall and fish pond in my backyard. The waterfall is constructed from flagstones surrounded by ferns, and there are hostas halfway around the pond.

Before the pond, this part of our backyard held a Zen garden. Zen gardens often include a large expanse of gravel surrounding a few large stone groupings.

The large stones represent mountains, and the pebbles surrounding them are the sea. More poetically, the mountains represent “form” and the sea is “emptiness.”

Probably one of the most famous Buddhist teachings is “Form is emptiness and emptiness is form.” In this case, form includes everything that exist in our reality while emptiness signifies that nothing exist independently.

In my backyard pond and waterfall, the forms are all the materials that are needed to construct it. If any of these elements were left out or placed differently during construction, the experience of the waterfall would be different.

It is relatively easy to see that objects in nature, like waterfalls, ponds and mountains, do not exist independently. They are completely dependent on the geological forces that shaped them.

In school, we learn the scientific principles that explain our natural environment. How the actions of plate tectonics create mountains. How erosion, gravity and the water cycle led to the creation of waterfalls and ponds.

It is more difficult to accept the idea that humans are also dependent on their environment.

A baby is a product of its parents’ genetic makeup and remains dependent on its family during the early years. However, as the child grows into adolescence and adulthood, it is normal to assign an increasing level of independence to them.

Most adults would have no problem identifying themselves as independent and self-reliant individuals.

According to Buddhism, this feeling of independence is an illusion. The concept of emptiness means that our personalities, thoughts, behaviors and appearance are constructed by external forces largely outside of our control, just like a mountain is sculpted by wind and rain.

I like to think of myself as a person skilled in my profession, who achieved his position because of my hard work. But this is an illusion.

The facts are much more complicated. My parents happen to be born white in a society that places a higher value on this race than others. If my parents had been Black, they would not have had the opportunities that led to their professional careers. Their early success led to high-paying jobs, and they could afford to send me to college.

Growing up, I was primarily exposed to images of successful people that looked like me on TV, movies and in the news. These images told me there was no limit to what I might achieve with hard work. I could enter society with the confidence that I would be valued and treated fairly.

In contrast, if I had been born Black, I would have been raised in a society that treated my race as inferior and had a history of laws and business practices that severely limited my opportunities for success. Members of my race that I saw in the media would be few and would stereotypically reinforce my lower place in society. I would see and experience discrimination regularly because of my skin color.

Racism is a force like wind or rain that erodes the value of a human. The Buddhist concept of “emptiness” reminds us that we owe far more to our environment than we realize.

It is essential to construct a society that supports all its members because all the members are needed to support a healthy society.

Today’s Insights was written by Kunga Nyima, coordinator of the St. Joseph Buddhist Sangha. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

CHURCH NOTES

St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9193 Cleveland Ave., Baroda, has returned to in-person worship services at 9 a.m. Sundays.

Starting Sunday, **St. Paul’s Lutheran Church**, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, will return to its regular service schedule for in-person services, with precautions in place. Service will be at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sundays, and 6:30 p.m. Mondays. It will continue to livestream services on its Facebook and YouTube pages at 8 a.m. Sundays. For more information, visit www.stpaulswels.org.

The Shore Church, 623 Church St., St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. For more info, call 208-3844.

Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 10:15 a.m. Sundays. See its complete COVID-19 policies online at www.peacelutheranstjoe.org. The church will continue to stream services on its Facebook and YouTube pages.

Overflow Church in Benton Township will host a virtual VBS at noon daily on Monday through Friday for children in preschool through fifth grade. For more info, visit www.kidsvirtualvbs.com.

Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, 1200 W. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph, has returned to in-person worship at 11:10 a.m. Sundays. For more info, call 429-1985 or visit pilgrimstjoe.org.

Three Oaks United Methodist Church will worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the gazebo in Dewey Cannon Park on East Maple Street. Attendees are asked to bring a chair, wear a face mask and plan to social distance. Communion will be celebrated. If raining, the service will be at Carver Park on the corner of Elm and Ash streets.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, continues to hold 10 a.m. Sunday services on its Facebook page. This week, pastor Adam Bohland will speak on “Whispers in the Wilderness.”

Church Notes is a free listing, published each Saturday. Announcements are due by noon Wednesday. Late items will not be published. The editor reserves the right to edit for space and style. Incomplete information may not be published. First and last names should be furnished. Pictures submitted should include names of those shown.

Send items to: Church Notes, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or email to focus@TheHP.com. Items should include a daytime telephone number.

ENGAGEMENT

Brondello Darr

Maria Nicole Brondello of Mustang, Okla., and Tyler Joseph Darr of Yukon, Okla., are planning a Jan. 9, 2021, wedding in Mustang.

Brondello, the daughter of John and Lisa Brondello of Mercer Island, Wash., is a graduate of Holy Names Academy and Oklahoma State University.

Darr, the son of Ken and Deb Darr of St. Joseph, is a graduate of St. Joseph High School and the University of Oklahoma.

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HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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A wide front porch, metal roof, and double doors add classic curb appeal to this modern farmhouse design. See more images online at www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week.

Modern with a farmhouse twist

Here’s a front porch that’s practically made for long afternoons. Imagine taking a glass of lemonade out here and just enjoying the day.

For dinner, head over to the island kitchen to prepare a yummy meal.

Looking for more outdoor relaxation? The great room opens to the rear porch for seamless indoor-outdoor living. Check out the generous walk-in closet in the master suite.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Devi is a silver-and-white, 1-year-old with Animal Aid. Playful and in-your-face loving, he'll sit on you while you watch TV. He enjoys wrestling with other young cats, and completed ninja training with Master Parker, an old cat in his foster home. Good with dogs, he is neutered and current on shots. His best home would have other cats to play with. For more information, or to adopt him, call Becky at 926-4279.

VOLUNTEERS

Help feed the hungry

Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure it gets distributed as quickly as possible, Feeding America West Michigan developed the mobile food pantry.

Mobile pantries are like farmers markets on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

Volunteers help distribute food, carry heavier groceries for people who need help, and give a smile to those who are experiencing food insecurity.

For upcoming mobile food pantry dates and locations, visit www.feedwm.org.

To volunteer, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit United Way of Southwest Michigan's volunteer page at **uwsm.org/volunteer.**

Military Hero Care Network

The American Red Cross Hero Care Network provides critical services to military members, veterans and their families all over the world.

The American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers to help with tasks such as sending emergency communications for deployed service members, communicating with families of newly enlisted service members, and referring veterans and their families to local programs.

Training will be provided, and volunteers can work remotely.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Health screeners

The Berrien County Health Department has implemented a staff and client health screening upon entry, and needs volunteers to help manage the check-in station at the main entrance of its Benton Harbor and Niles offices.

The station also provides face coverings/masks to those who arrive without one.

This is a no-contact position. Volunteers can maintain appropriate social distancing from others and personal protective equipment will be provided by the department.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Health care heroes

PACE of Southwest Michigan is looking for medically trained volunteers to help support their staff and clients. PACE is looking for a volunteer nurse and nursing assistant.

The nurse will provide direct and indirect nursing care to participants in the PACE Center and in the community. The nursing assistant will perform participant care activities and other tasks as assigned to assist the primary care, therapy and adult day health staff.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Face masks for front-line workers

In partnership with the Emergency Operations Center, United Way of Southwest Michigan is collecting homemade face masks to distribute to front-line workers and volunteers at area agencies and organizations.

Agencies such as homeless shelters, Meals on Wheels, and many others are still working with their clients every day. They need masks to help protect their staffs, volunteers and clients.

There are no longer set drop-off locations and times. United Way will accept donations by appointment only. If you have donations, contact Amanda Drew at 982-4038 or amanda.drew@uwsm.org.

Help ease worry

Meals on Wheels of Southwest Michigan is working with area seniors to fill many needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meals on Wheels is seeking donation of hygiene items that can be included in deliveries to seniors. Those items include full-size shampoo, full-size toothpaste, toothbrush, and notes of encouragement and cheer.

For more information, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Compassion into action

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers for several opportunities, such as a Disaster Action Team members, who provide 24-hour emergency response to local disasters, ensuring that those affected have access to resources for basic necessities such as food, shelter and clothing.

The American Red Cross also is looking for blood drive volunteers in Berrien and Cass counties.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Give. Advocate. Volunteer.

United Way of Southwest Michigan mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

SENIOR NIGHT, BUT NO SEASON

Don Campbell / HP staff

Seniors of the 2020 Lakeshore High School varsity girls soccer team and their parents are recognized during Senior Night on Wednesday after their season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pictured from left are Johnna Hafling and her parents, Jamie and Michelle Hafling; Ella Jeske and her parents, Brian and Kelly Jeske; Alena Louie and her mother, Cynthia Hanners; Kylie Retterbush and her parents, Kent and Perly Retterbush; and Emma Woodard and her parents, Jon and Katie Woodard. Not pictured is Hollee Hercik.

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Arriving during a season which, in normal times, would find tutors booked solid with customized ACT and SAT prep – such tests were canceled because of the virus – Gibori said as a small business owner, he faced one of three fates: close, survive or thrive.

Four months later, he anticipates that his members-only venue's new micro-school pods, which have already attracted several clients, will soon be humming with socially distanced teens gathering in small groups of their choosing for personalized academic support.

Gibori, who plans to open a second academic tutoring lounge in Highland Park, Ill., in September, also is offering students who enroll in his new micro-school pods door-to-door transportation from their homes, as well as an on-site cafe serving gourmet meals like organic acai bowls, sushi and truffle macaroni.

"Parents have shifted from being in survival mode last spring, to now worrying about how their kids can safely and effectively receive their education this fall," said Gibori, a father of four, whose micro-school pods are being pitched to parents on his website with the question: "Not quite ready to send your student back to school? You are not alone."

While he acknowledges that The House's $250 monthly membership fee, and private tutoring costs that range from roughly $115 to $170 an hour, are not in the budget for many families, he said the business is committed to enrolling 10 percent of its young members pro bono.

"We're an education business, and our tutors are all about progressive learning, which is a core part of our values," Gibori said.

Retired schoolteachers, including Heidi Allen of Island Lake, Ill., are also seizing the moment as pandemic pods and micro-schools appear to be on the cusp of becoming a coronavirus-era cottage industry.

Allen, a single parent and retired special education teacher, said her own financial struggles have inspired her to offer her services at a rate affordable to many working families.

"I hope to help families who financially can't afford expensive tutors, but I also need to eat and pay my own bills," said Allen, a reading specialist, who plans to charge $40 an hour to support students who are engaged in remote learning, and $60 an hour for homeschool lessons that require her to create a curriculum.

"I'm thinking that a few hours a day for three days a week would work for most kids, but I'm willing to provide support for students however it's needed," Allen said.

Of course, private micro-schools and even more moderately priced tutoring is likely out of reach for economically disadvantaged students, many of whose parents are essential workers at jobs that don't allow them to work from home.

"We believe that all children, no matter the color of their skin or what ZIP code they are from, should have access to the same high-quality education," said Kathi Griffin, president of the Illinois Education Association.

"We certainly acknowledge that some students may need to seek extra help through a private tutor, but we would strongly encourage any school districts using remote learning to make sure that its plan is an equitable one that reaches students at all learning levels, and also makes sure all students have access to the internet and a device to access remote lessons," Griffin said.

Indeed, some experts say the disparities that could arise alongside the advent of pandemic pods and micro-schooling are not unlike the inequities that quickly surfaced when schools were closed last spring, and many students from low-income communities lacked access to digital technology, including laptops and Wi-Fi, required for remote learning.

"The sacrifices for all parents are huge right now, but the pandemic is affecting the education of students from low-income families even more," said Howard Bultinck, a professor and chairman of the Department of Literacy, Leadership and Development at the Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education at Northeastern Illinois University.

"The questions we have to ask ourselves are not only how we can best serve these students right now, but just as important, how post-pandemic we can help those children as much as possible who have fallen behind," Bultinck said.

Despite the possible backslide in student learning that appears more likely the longer schools remain closed, entrepreneurs like Sarah Kurtz McKinnon of Ann Arbor, Mich., remain optimistic that pandemic pods can be accessed by families from all economic backgrounds.

"Our thought is, if families can work together to self-coordinate hiring a tutor, it will be much more affordable," said Kurtz McKinnon, co-founder and CEO of the Summer Camp Society.

She is busy these days working alongside camp leaders and educators to create an online training program for "pod coaches" that teaches the basics of youth development, group dynamics, safety and educational best practices.

ON CAMPUS

Degrees

The following area students have received a college or university degree.

Eastern Michigan University
Ypsilanti, Mich.

St. Joseph – Micheyla Barnes-Jones, bachelor's in criminology and criminal justice

Miami University
Oxford, Ohio

Edwardsburg – Brooke Buckingham

Northern Michigan University
Marquette, Mich.

Lawrence – Kalvin Peterson, bachelor's in physical education/secondary education

Niles – Kira Holloway, bachelor's in art and design

St. Joseph – Abigail Austin, bachelor's in social work, cum laude; Morgan Shewmaker, bachelor's in nursing, magna cum laude

South Haven – Emily Baker, bachelor's in theater and entertainment arts, magna cum laude

Pepperdine University
Malibu, Calif.

St. Joseph – Matthew Peirce, master's in international relations and dispute resolution

University of Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark.

Niles – Morgan Dlouhy, Master of Business Administration

University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign, Ill.

Benton Harbor – Alana Hart, juris doctorate, magna cum laude; Erin Hart, master's in library and information science

Widener University
Chester, Pa.

St. Joseph – Martin Bingaman, Master of Social Work

Dean's list

The following area student has been named to a college's dean's list.

Knox College
Galesburg, Ill.

Paw Paw – Brooklyn Deming

GENERATIONS

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cases, 12-18 months is a good length of time, though it can vary depending on the mentee's goals.

Find the right fit: You may know someone you'd like to take under your wing, but often a mentee will find you. How do you know if that person is a good fit for you?

"Focus on what that person needs to learn," said Lois Zachary, the author of several books on the topic, including "The Mentor's Guide" and "Creating a Mentoring Culture." "Are they ready to learn? Do they have a commitment to their own growth and development?"

Ask good questions: Ask open-ended, thought-provoking questions to help mentees reflect on creating their own future.

"A mentor's job is to ask questions that help people get to deeper insights," Zachary said. "It's not about telling mentees what to do, but asking the questions that are going to support them in learning and help them clarify their vision for their future."

Listen well: Many mentors mistakenly assume that their mentees want to follow in their footsteps.

"I learned that I needed to listen carefully to what my mentees wanted to do so I could help them with their goals instead of what I thought they should want," said Liz Katkin, a longtime, successful workplace mentor.

Meet regularly: Mentoring works best when there is ongoing, regular contact. Regular check-ins about goals and meeting cadence also will help you notice if you need to make adjustments.

"Always have a meeting date on the calendar, and stay focused on achieving goals," Zachary said.

Push your mentee: As Henry Ford is reputed to have said, "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got."

Learning requires stretching the mind and taking risks, Zachary said. "A mentor facilitates this process by asking probing questions that challenge thinking."

Provide and seek feedback: Compassionate, candid feedback is key to helping mentees reach their goals.

"Feedback can help close performance gaps and assist a mentee in targeting appropriate areas for growth and development," Zachary said.

She suggests offering mentees constructive feedback at every meeting. Also seek feedback from your mentee on the mentoring relationship. What's working? What's not?

Look at your own life: Think back on those people who have influenced your life – for better or for worse.

"The best way to learn how to be a mentor is to watch a mentor, as well as people who tried to be mentors but didn't succeed," Gross said.

Reflecting on how the mentors in your life shared their wisdom can help you determine how to develop effective, rewarding mentoring relationships and positively impact the mentees who you invite – or who crawl – under your wing.

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NEWMAN

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convention plans. However, it never took root, according to nationaldaycalendar.com. Then in 2014, Colleen Paige, a pet and family lifestyle expert, created National Beach Day to celebrate beaches and the importance of keeping them clean.

Finish out the month on Aug. 31 with making a batch of trail mix for National Trail Mix Day. I have never once eaten trail mix while actually out on a trail, but maybe that will change this year.

Tweet me a picture of you celebrating one of these days @HPANewman.

If you have a holiday you're passionate about in September that you'd like me write about, let me know at anewman@TheHP.com.

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Tax refund delays hit e-filers too

With taxpayers filing electronic returns and the IRS direct depositing refunds into bank accounts, the tax season has never been shorter.

But this is no ordinary tax season.

The IRS stopped processing mailed communications this spring, sending workers home to combat the spread of novel coronavirus. That created a huge backlog and delayed the processing of paper returns for 2019. To speed things along, the tax agency encouraged people to e-file. Electronic filing typically yields a refund check in about three weeks.

People who mailed their returns this year should expect delays in getting refunds, the IRS has been saying. But many folks who filed electronically say they, too, are still awaiting refunds.

Much of the delay is coronavirus-related. "We are making progress on the returns as our staffing levels increase," said IRS spokesman Eric Smith.

I asked Smith to address some frequently asked questions about tax-refund delays.

Q: Why is there a backlog for electronically filed returns?

A: Tax returns, even those filed electronically, may need additional review for a number of reasons.

"Although e-filed returns tend to be much more accurate, there are things that can come up with them that also come up with paper returns," Smith said. "A refund claim could appear excessive, for example, meaning it merits further review. There certainly could be refundable credit issues or even ID theft-related issues."

If you haven't done so already, check your refund status through Where's My Refund? This tool is available at IRS.gov/refunds, or call 800-829-1954. If that doesn't yield a good answer and it's been 21 days since the return was accepted by the IRS, then call the general toll-free number 800-829-1040.

Michelle Singletary

Under normal circumstances, it can take some time to get to a live IRS representative. It's a maddening experience for many people. The phone lines are often busy. You will likely face a long wait or be steered to electronic messages that provide little insight into why your refund is delayed.

"I'd advise calling in the middle of the week, either very early in the morning or very late in the day, to minimize the wait time," Smith said.

Q: I sent the IRS a fax with the information that was requested and I'm still waiting for my refund. Why?

A: "I e-filed my return in January," one reader emailed. "In March, I got a message saying it's being reviewed. I faxed what I was told to fax after talking on the phone with an IRS agent. Here we are, going into the month of August, and I still have not received my refund."

Although faxing a response saves time, compared to mail, it's still a paper process. "Unfortunately, it could still take a while," Smith said.

Q: What should I do if I call the IRS or use the "Where's My Refund?" tool and still can't find out when my refund will be sent?

A: You may have to visit a Taxpayer Assistance Center (TAC). But even that can be a frustrating endeavor.

"After going through the steps correctly, the only reply I got was, "We cannot provide any information," one Colorado couple wrote. "We then tried to call the nearest IRS office to us. The Colorado Springs TAC was on the closed list. The Denver office showed as open. Unfortunately, it is closed."

TACs are operated by appointment only. For a listing of open offices, visit irs.gov, and search for "appointment." Look for your state, and then review the list to divine which TAC offices are open closest to you and what services are provided. Be aware that some offices listed as open may still be closed.

Q: I had an appointment to go in person to the IRS to verify my identity so I could receive my tax refund. But the appointment was canceled because of COVID-19. I haven't heard anything yet on the next step. What can I do now?

A: The number for scheduling or rescheduling a TAC appointment is 844-545-5640.

"If there is any possible way to resolve the matter over the phone, our representatives will try to do so," Smith said. "Otherwise, we will set you up with an appointment."

Q: If the IRS hasn't processed my return, should I just send a copy of what I filed? What could happen if I mail or e-file again?

A: The big problem with filing the return again is that the IRS may freeze your account. Depending upon the circumstances, the IRS may be able to resolve the matter without contacting you. But other times, there may be a need for a follow-up, causing an even longer delay.

"The process of sorting out which return was first, and then determining whether the second one was just a duplicate versus an attempt at amending or correcting the original return, requires analysis by a human being," Smith said. "It isn't computerized. That takes time even in normal circumstances, but with staffing limited due to social distancing concerns, it could take a little bit longer. But we're actively working these cases, so we have to ask you to be patient."

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Ask the Fool

Invest in Vaccine Makers?

Q I keep reading about Moderna and other companies working on promising COVID-19 vaccines. Is it worth investing in them? — *E.P., Cleveland*

A Shares of Moderna and other vaccine-related companies have soared in recent months, some more than doubling or tripling in value. That means that expectations of successful vaccines are already baked into their prices. Some or all may continue to rise, but that's far from guaranteed, since much uncertainty remains.

For example, which companies will end up with successful vaccines? Which vaccines will be most widely distributed? Which ones will generate the most profit for their makers? If you're thinking about investing in one of these companies, you should look beyond vaccines alone. Consider how much cash and debt they have — can they stay afloat a long time? Are they generating profits now, and are those likely to grow? Do they have a pipeline of other promising treatments in development, and how close to getting approved are those? Remember that if any vaccine being developed fails, its company's stock is likely to fall, possibly sharply.

Vaccine makers can be risky investments. Digging into other health care stocks could turn up other exciting portfolio candidates that are more undervalued.

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Q What good financial planning books do you recommend? — *C.W., Cerritos, California*

A Here are a few: "Get a Financial Life: Personal Finance in Your Twenties and Thirties" by Beth Kobliner (Simon & Schuster, $17), "Managing Your Money All-In-One For Dummies" (For Dummies, $30) and "Your Complete Guide to a Successful and Secure Retirement" by Larry Swedroe and Kevin Grogan (Harriman House, $19).

You might also want to consult a financial adviser. Learn more about that at **NAPFA.org** and at **SEC.gov/investor/brokers.htm**.

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Don't Forget To Rebalance

Asset allocation is a concept underappreciated by investors — and not paying attention to it can be costly. Your asset allocation is how you've chosen to distribute your money across various asset classes, such as cash, stocks and bonds.

Once you determine the best allocation for your needs and risk tolerance, you're not done. You'll likely want to change it over time — for example, taking on less risk as you approach retirement — an adjustment known as "rebalancing." (Target-date retirement mutual funds aim to do this for you, by the way.)

Imagine that you set up your portfolio to be 70% in stocks, 20% in bonds and 10% in cash. Stocks tend to grow more quickly than bonds, so in a few years, your portfolio's mix might actually be 85% stocks, 10% bonds and 5% in cash. If that's not the best allocation for you, you'll need to rebalance it — by selling some stocks and buying more bonds — to get back to your ideal allocation mix.

Rebalancing can be especially easy if you're mainly invested in low-fee index funds — such as ones that track the overall stock market and overall bond market. As examples, the SPDR S&P 500 ETF (SPY) will instantly have you invested in the S&P 500 universe of stocks, and the iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF (AGG) will have you in a broad range of bonds. You'll simply sell and buy the number of shares you need to.

If you've invested in individual stocks, you might identify your least promising ones and sell some or all of those. Be careful not to end up overweighted in your best performers, though. If one surging stock comes to represent 40% of your portfolio, for example, consider trimming that position to a more modest level. You don't want too many of your eggs in one basket, even if it's a promising basket.

You can learn more about asset allocation and rebalancing at **Fool.com** and by searching for those terms online.

My Dumbest Investment

Real Estate Woes

My dumbest investment was buying a house at the peak of the real estate bubble in California in 2006. I learned that if the price is too high, it's better to wait. — *D.T., online*

The Fool Responds: Ouch. That's a good reminder that when you're in the market for a new home, it's smart to consider how inflated home values may be. After all, just as stocks rise and fall in value, so do homes — though they often do so more slowly, so it can be harder to notice.

It's actually best not to think of your home as an investment, because when it comes to building wealth, real estate generally isn't your best bet. According to the Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price Index, home values have grown by an annual average of about 3.5% over the past 30 years. Yes, some home values in some places will appreciate more robustly, but many others will grow more slowly. Also, even if your home surges in value, you can't put that value in your pocket unless you sell the home or borrow against it.

Try not to overpay for a home, especially if you aren't sure you'll be staying in it for a long time. If home values drop due to a recession, a wide-scale financial crisis or simply a bubble bursting, you don't want to end up having to sell for less than you paid.

The Motley Fool Take

A Big Blue Investment

Computing veteran IBM (NYSE: IBM) generated $11.5 billion of free cash flow over the last four quarters. The company turned around and poured $5.8 billion of that bounty straight into shareholders' pockets through dividend payouts.

That happened in a year where Big Blue spent $34 billion on an acquisition. A less stockholder-friendly company might have paused its dividend policy in times like these, but not IBM. Instead, the company settled for symbolic dividend boosts of 3.2% in 2019 and 0.6% in 2020. (Its dividend yield was recently a hefty 5.1%.)

IBM is committed to rewarding shareholders with dividends. Its payout has grown by 715% over the last 15 years.

IBM's recent big acquisition was Red Hat, an open-source software specialist, which it took on debt to buy. Red Hat was growing at a solid double-digit rate prior to being bought, and its market share in the paid enterprise operating system market was recently second only to Microsoft's. Its OpenShift cloud platform is a market leader.

IBM does have a lot of debt, but it's a strong cash machine, with great long-term growth opportunities in the cloud computing, blockchain, data security and artificial intelligence markets. Patient believers in the company can also enjoy meaningful income from its dividend.

FOOLISH TRIVIA

Name That Company

I'm a major technology name, founded in a Silicon Valley garage like some of my peers – but I was launched in 1939. My first products were audio oscillators, and Walt Disney was an early customer. I introduced the world's first handheld scientific calculator in 1972, initially pricing it at $395. My LaserJet debuted in 1984, and I've since sold more than 200 million. I merged with Compaq in 2002. Today, with a market value near $25 billion, I'm focused on personal systems, printers and 3D printing solutions. As of last year, I employed about 56,000 people. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1972, and a converted ocean liner called the Mardi Gras. Business boomed after "The Love Boat" aired. Today, headquartered in Miami (but incorporated in Panama, England and Wales), I'm one of the world's largest leisure companies. I recently sported more than 100 ships, more than 225,000 customers cruising per day (for a total of almost 13 million annually), and more than 150,000 employees. My brands include Holland America Line, Princess Cruises, Seabourn, Cunard, AIDA Cruises, Costa Cruises and my own name. I raked in more than $20 billion in fiscal 2019. Who am I? (Answer: Carnival Corporation & plc)

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Can you trust your mobile payment app?

Money transfer apps including Venmo, Cash App and PayPal have surged in popularity during the pandemic as people seek safe, contactless ways to send and receive money.

Unfortunately, many people don't understand the limitations of these payment platforms or how they can put someone's finances at risk.

Liz Weston

Like over-the-counter medicines, payment apps can be safe when used as directed – but people often don't read the directions, says James E. Lee, chief operating officer for the Identity Theft Resource Center, a nonprofit that provides victim assistance and public education about identity theft.

"You've got to make sure that you're doing the right things," Lee says. "Because if there is a weak point in these kinds of services, it is that your behavior may make it less secure."

Quick and convenient

Mobile payment apps allow people to transfer money to others quickly, often for free. They may be downloaded to a phone or other mobile device or accessed online. Some payment systems are available via social media, email accounts or other apps.

Apps such as Venmo and Cash App are known as "peer-to-peer" platforms because they're designed to facilitate transfers among friends and family. People can search for each other using email addresses, phone numbers or user names, and money is usually transferred within one to three days. Some let users choose an instant transfer for a small fee.

Other systems, including Samsung Pay, are meant for business transactions, such as paying a merchant online or at a register. A few options, including Apple Pay, Google Pay and PayPal, can be used for both personal and business transactions.

Payment app is rising

Even before the pandemic, 79 percent of U.S. adults used mobile payment apps, according to a NerdWallet survey conducted in January. Since stay-at-home orders hit, use of the apps has soared as more commerce shifted online and people needed to send money to friends and family they couldn't see in person, says Adam Blacker, vice president of insights and global alliances for Apptopia, which tracks mobile application trends.

Installations of the most popular payment apps, which averaged about 14 million per month before the pandemic, rose to 17 million in April and more than 20 million in May and June, Blacker says. Users launched the apps about 1.8 billion times this June, compared to 1.3 billion times in June 2019.

Not foolproof

Many people assume their payment apps offer protections similar to those of credit or debit cards, but that may not be the case, says Kathy Stokes, director of fraud prevention programs for AARP.

For example, about half of U.S. adults incorrectly believe that they could reverse a payment made through a peer-to-peer platform, according to an AARP survey conducted in November. If you change your mind, have a problem or make a mistake – input the wrong email address or phone number, for instance – you're usually at the mercy of the recipient.

"The only thing I can do is plead for that person to be ethical and send the money back to me," Stokes says.

Payment apps usually protect you against unauthorized transactions, but not necessarily against other fraud – and that can be true even if you link to a debit or credit card that otherwise would offer such protections. Many peer-to-peer systems specifically warn people not to pay individuals or businesses they don't know, Stokes says.

"If you use (a peer-to-peer app) to buy those great-priced tickets off of Craigslist, and you never get those tickets, you're out the money," Stokes says.

If you're doing business with a merchant you don't know, use a payment app built for such transactions, such as PayPal, which offers dispute resolution and purchase protection.

Lee recommends reviewing an app's security, fraud and privacy policies before installing. He also recommends using unique, complex passwords, and turning on features, such as facial recognition and passcodes, that could prevent others from accessing your phone. Enable your phone's "find my device" feature, which lets you erase its data if the phone is lost or stolen.

With proper precautions, though, feel free to use mobile payment apps, Lee says. In many ways, they're more secure than traditional payment methods because your financial information isn't exposed during the transaction. Your bank account or credit or debit card numbers can't be intercepted by criminals or stored in a merchant database where they could be accessed by hackers.

"The mainstream products and services are very secure," Lee says. "And particularly today, there are a lot of advantages to contactless payments in one form or another."

Liz Weston is a columnist at NerdWallet.

NEW IN BUSINESS

Dental practice expands

ST. JOSEPH — Construction efforts are underway for a large expansion project at St. Joseph Dentistry.

Once complete, the project will nearly double the space of the St. Joseph dental practice.

St. Joseph Dentistry selected Pearson Construction as their design builder, which will use its in-house architectural firm, TERA Architects, as the design partner.

The practice, at 3386 Niles Road, will remain fully operational during the expansion project.

Credit union voted 'best in state'

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Honor Credit Union was named one of America's "Best-In-State Credit Unions" for 2020.

Forbes partnered with Statista to identify America's Best-In-State Credit Unions in 2020 through an independent survey of more than 25,000 U.S. consumers. Participants were asked to rate credit unions at which they have or previously have had checking accounts.

Participants made recommendations regarding overall satisfaction and assessed credit unions in terms of trust, terms and conditions, branch services, digital services and financial advice.

"To be recognized by our members in this way is truly humbling," Honor CEO Scott McFarland said in a news release.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

Holt Bosse names creative director

ST. JOSEPH — Holt Bosse hired Jason Sabo as its creative director for their full-service marketing firm in St. Joseph.

Sabo has 18 years of experience in creative development and direction working with a client base that spans small entrepreneurial businesses to Fortune 500 companies.

"My professional career has mostly dealt with marketing durable goods and services with plenty of branding and storytelling in the mix," Sabo said. "I get the greatest satisfaction when creative solutions bring clients back again and again. Sometimes the results can be award-winning, but more often it is opening the door to a new opportunity for a client or helping them out of a tight pinch."

Before joining Holt Bosse, Sabo served 15 years at Aisle Rocket in the St. Joseph office, where he was a vice president and creative director. He began his career as a graphic designer for three years at The W Group in Grand Rapids, a marketing firm in the furniture industry.

Sabo earned a bachelor of science degree in visual communications from Ferris State University. He and his wife, Tara, have two children and live in St. Joseph.

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New hotel opens on Marquette Woods Road

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The new Tru by Hilton hotel, located along Marquette Woods Road in Stevensville, is now open.

STEVENSVILLE — Michael Patel has kept busy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Southwest Michigan developer opened another hotel in Lincoln Township last week with the addition of Tru by Hilton.

The 98-room hotel is located at 2683 W. Marquette Woods Road.

"It's one of the nicer brands, I know a lot of tourists tend to visit the newer hotels," said Patel, hotel owner and developer. "Hilton is taking a lot of measures to make sure they are cleaned a certain way."

Tru by Hilton is owned by SG of Stevensville and managed by Ganesh Hotels Management, LLC. The new hotel is stationed just off exit 23 from I-94, near local attractions and beaches.

Lori Dellamano, general manager of Tru by Hilton, said guests can expect a simplified stay, rooted in value.

Developed from the ground up using consumer and owner feedback, Dellamano referred to the Tru by Hilton as a revolutionary brand with a "cross-generational appeal" for travelers looking for an affordable hotel experience.

"We are incredibly honored to join the Tru by Hilton brand and introduce travelers to this innovative type of lodging," Dellamano said. "Our ideal location, unique set of offerings and affordable price make us a top choice for guests visiting the Southwest Michigan area."

The hotel has smaller designed rooms with a mobile desk, large bathrooms and bath amenities.

Each stay comes with a complimentary build-your-own "Top It" breakfast bar and a 2,880-square-foot lobby with a market that has snacks and drinks.

The hotel also offers mobile check-in, digital key, free WiFi, remote printing, a social media wall, lobby tablets and accessibility to outlets, along with a fitness center.

Patel is the co-owner of Ganesh Hotels, a hotel management company in Elkhart. He's also had a hand in adding several hotels in Southwest Michigan, including the Comfort Suites in Stevensville, the Hilton Garden Inn in Benton Township and the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Stevensville.

To make a reservation, visit Tru by Hilton Saint Joseph at www.trusaintjoseph.trubyhilton.com, Hilton.com/Stevensville or by calling 269-429-4444.

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Five traits that make a strong business owner

SCORE

This column is provided by SCORE, an organization dedicated to helping small businesses start, grow and succeed. The local SCORE chapter provide free and confidential mentoring in management, accounting, marketing and business plan preparation.

Whether your small business has one or 60 employees, your leadership skills can mean the difference between failure and success.

"I have never been the type of person who has tried to go out of my way to lead," said Josh King, SCORE mentor and owner of his own business consulting firm. "Instead, I've just tried to serve others. And when people feel that you truly care for them, they're much more willing to follow you."

To become a stronger leader in your business, consider concentrating on and developing these key qualities:

Accountability: Take responsibility for your actions – and lack of action. Demonstrating that you hold yourself accountable will help foster a company culture of caring about results and striving to do the best job possible.

Focus on goals: If you don't have a target, you won't know where to aim your efforts and energy. Having clear goals and objectives will help keep you and your employees focused on working toward growth and success.

Objectivity: Leadership requires an ability and willingness to look at your business objectively. You need to acknowledge and address what needs to be improved or changed to overcome challenges and move toward your goals.

Willingness to delegate: Although it may be difficult to let go of certain responsibilities as a small business owner, it's essential when you don't have time – or the skills – to perform certain tasks. Delegating work to others who can do it more efficiently and effectively can help you give more time to focus on strategizing and growing your business.

Communication: As a leader, what you say or write and how you say or write it can either facilitate unity and understanding or it can create confusion and frustration. Strong leaders communicate clearly and consistently so their employees have the information, direction, and feedback they need to perform to their potential.

"Wholeheartedly serving your team is the only way to continue to provide value and cultivate relationships," explains King.

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hp SPORTS

Todd takes 2-stroke lead at St. Jude

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Brendon Todd's putter is more than making up for any lack of power off the tee at the World Golf Championship.

Todd shot a 5-under 65 Friday and grabbed a two-stroke lead through 36 holes of the FedEx St. Jude Invitational.

"I have not hit the ball as crisply the first two days and maybe some other tournaments this year, but I've probably putted the best of any tournament this year so far," Todd said. "I'm really excited about how I played and looking forward to the opportunity this weekend."

Todd trailed defending champion Brooks Koepka after the first round by two strokes. He quickly erased that deficit and took the lead to himself with a bogey-free, five-birdie round for a 129 total at the World Golf Championships event at TPC Southwind.

Rickie Fowler closed with birdies on his final two holes for a 67 and 131 total just behind Todd

Ally Challenge

GRAND BLANC, Mich. — Tommy Armour III had been playing enough golf during the pandemic to know his game was in good shape. All he needed was a spot in the Ally Challenge to show it Friday.

Armour and Billy Andrade each opened with a 6-under 66 at Warwick Hills to share the lead by one shot over Bernhard Langer as the PGA Tour Champions returned for the first time since March.

Andrade played bogey-free for his 66 at the course that for years hosted the Buick Open on the PGA Tour.

Langer leads the Charles Schwab Cup points list, which won't be decided until the end of 2021 because of how much time the 50-and-old tour lost to the pandemic. He made six birdies in 12 holes before throwing in a pair of bogeys that slowed his momentum. He had his 26th straight round of par or better.

Paul Sancya / AP

Detroit's Miguel Cabrera talks with home plate umpire David Rackley after striking out against the Cincinnati Reds in the fourth inning of Friday's game.

Turnbull, Tigers top Reds

DETROIT (AP) — Spencer Turnbull and the Detroit bullpen combined on a three-hitter, Austin Romine and Travis Demeritte each drove in two runs and the Tigers beat the Cincinnati Reds 7-2 Friday night.

Detroit 7, Cincinnati 2

Turnbull led the majors in losses last season in going 3-17 as a rookie.

The 27-year-old righty pitched five effective innings at Cincinnati last weekend in getting a no-decision in his first start, then fared well in his second time against the Reds.

Turnbull (1-0) allowed two runs and three hits in six innings.

He struck out six, walked one and didn't allow a hit until former Tigers teammate Nick Castellanos doubled leading off the fifth.

Detroit relievers Gregory Soto, Buck Farmer and Bryan Garcia retired nine consecutive batters in the final three innings.

Luis Castillo (0-1) gave up five runs on eight hits in six-plus innings.

The Tigers scored twice in the fifth to take a 3-2 lead on Romine's RBI double and Jacoby Jones' run-scoring single.

They added two in the seventh to chase Castillo on Romine's RBI single and Nate Jones' wild pitch.

Demeritte hit a two-run double in the eighth.

He had entered the game in the seventh as a pinch runner.

The Red took a 2-1 advantage in the fifth as Nick Senzel's double and Tucker Barnhart's single brought in the runs.

Niko Goodrum's sacrifice fly gave Detroit a 1-0 lead in the third.

Trainer's room

Reds: Placed LHP Wade Miley on the injured list, retroactive to Tuesday, with a strained left groin.

Tigers: OF Cameron Maybin was placed on the injured list with a strained right quadriceps. He sustained the injury while legging out an infield single in the ninth inning of Thursday night's 5-3 loss to the Kansas City Royals. Detroit recalled Demeritte, an outfielder, from its satellite campus in Toledo to take Maybin's place. Demeritte had a groin injury during much of summer camp.

Up next

Trevor Bauer (0-0, 1.42) goes for the Reds against Michael Fulmer (0-0, 13.50), in the second game of the series on Saturday at 1:10 p.m. Fulmer is making his second start since returning from Tommy John surgery.

U.S. Tennis Association says it's still preparing for U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — As coronavirus cases spike in other parts of the country a month before the U.S. Open is supposed to start in New York, the U.S. Tennis Association said Friday it "continues its plans" to hold its marquee event and another tournament beforehand.

The U.S. Open – usually the year's last Grand Slam tournament, but the second of 2020 because of the pandemic – is scheduled to run Aug. 31 to Sept. 13.

The Billie Jean King National Tennis Center also will host the Western & Southern Open on Aug. 20-28; that tuneup was moved from Cincinnati as part of a doubleheader organized by the USTA.

Players will be allowed on-site on Aug. 16. A statement released Friday by the USTA said: "We remain confident that our top priority, the health and safety of all involved in both tournaments, remains on track."

What is unclear at this point is which players will participate. While Serena Williams and Naomi Osaka have said she will be at both events, for example, current women's No. 1 Ash Barty is staying away. Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal have not made their plans known.

The USTA statement added that details of its health and safety plan will be released closer to the start of competition.

Manfred, union talk as MLB grapples with virus

By STEVEN WINE
Associated Press

MIAMI — With six teams idled Friday by the COVID-19 pandemic, Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred spoke to union leader Tony Clark about the importance of players following the sport's coronavirus protocols.

Manfred and Clark talked about what needs to be done to finish the season, a person familiar with the conversation said. The person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

"Every player in this league better take a hard look at what you're doing off the field, because what you do affects, more than just you and your team," Chicago Cubs outfielder Steven Souza Jr. tweeted, hours after the St. Louis-Milwaukee game was called off. "Your decisions off the field will put all of our seasons in jeopardy this year."

The conversation between Manfred and Clark, first reported by ESPN, comes amid growing evidence that the spread of infection threatens to overtake efforts to play ball.

"Some things aren't looking too good right now, but we have to play up to that point. Players are seeing what can happen," Houston manager Dusty Baker said.

"The rest now is up to us and the virus," he said.

Concerns have been expressed about lax behavior by players on the field – such as spitting or high-fives – and off. The scrambled schedule has also heightened doubts about whether the owners' desire to play is realistic.

"Obviously, we saw the message. They sent a memo. Just be more diligent, wear a mask in the dugout when you're not playing, what we've thought to be the rules all along," Arizona catcher Stephen Vogt said. "So it's just like every other rule that MLB has for players – now it's going to be enforced, so to speak. Just strongly encouraging."

"Everything gets a little bit lax when you get in the game because the habits of what we've been doing our whole life takes over. When one of your teammates gets a big hit, you want to high-five them. You want to celebrate the way you've always done," he said. "And the last thing I want to do when I'm trying to play and do my job is be worried about COVID, but that's the times were in right now."

The latest game to be postponed was Milwaukee's home opener against St. Louis, scrapped hours before the first pitch after two Cardinals players tested positive for COVID-19.

"TV Show suggestions please," tweeted Cardinals pitcher Jack Flaherty, one of an increasing number of players who found themselves with unexpected free time as the postponements mounted.

The Cardinals said in a statement they learned Thursday night about positive tests from samples collected Wednesday.

Players and staff were instructed to isolate in their hotel rooms.

"The team is currently conducting rapid testing of the entire traveling party, has implemented contact tracing, and will continue to self-isolate," the Cardinals said.

The Cardinals and Brewers still hoped to play Saturday night, and to make up Friday's game with a pair of seven-inning games Sunday under a newly approved MLB plan for doubleheaders.

Brewers principal owner Mark Attanasio said baseball is braced for curveballs, especially this year.

"We're all committed, I believe – and I've talked to a number of players today – to finishing the season," Attanasio said. "Insofar as we can continue to provide some enjoyment for our fans, I think that's something we're all committed to doing. ... If we're not smart and safe, then we'll fail. But we're doing everything we can not to fail."

Two weekend series – Nationals at Marlins, and Blue Jays at Phillies – were called off earlier.

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	5	1	.833	—
Tampa Bay	4	3	.571	1½
Toronto	3	4	.429	2½
Baltimore	2	3	.400	2½
Boston	3	5	.375	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	5	2	.714	—
Minnesota	4	2	.667	½
Detroit	5	3	.625	½
Chicago	3	4	.429	2
Kansas City	3	5	.375	2 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	3	3	.500	—
Oakland	3	3	.500	—
Seattle	3	4	.429	½
Texas	2	3	.400	½
Los Angeles	2	5	.286	1½

Thursday's Games

Washington 6, Toronto 4
Atlanta 2, Tampa Bay 1
Cleveland 2, Minnesota 0
Kansas City 5, Detroit 3
N.Y. Yankees 8, Baltimore 6
Boston 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Seattle 8, L.A. Angels 5
Philadelphia at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.
Miami at Baltimore, ppd.

Friday's Games

Detroit 7, Cincinnati 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, Boston 1
Tampa Bay at Baltimore
Chicago White Sox 3, Kansas City 2
Cleveland at Minnesota
Houston at L.A. Angels
Texas at San Francisco
Oakland at Seattle

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati (Bauer 0-0) at Detroit (Fulmer 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (TBD) at Toronto (TBD), ppd., 1st game
Philadelphia (TBD) at Toronto (TBD), ppd., 2nd game
Chicago White Sox (González 0-0) at Kansas City (Bolaños 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Godley 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 0-0), 7:07 p.m.
Houston (Greinke 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Canning 0-1), 7:07 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 1-0) at Minnesota (Maeda 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Glasnow 0-0) at Baltimore (LeBlanc 1-0), 7:35 p.m.
Oakland (Fiers 0-0) at Seattle (Kikuchi 0-0), 9:10 p.m.
Texas (Lyles 0-0) at San Francisco (TBD), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, ppd.
Texas at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Angels, 4:10 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:08 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	5	3	.625	—
Miami	2	1	.667	½
Washington	3	4	.429	1½
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	1½
New York	3	5	.375	2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	4	2	.667	—
Milwaukee	3	3	.500	1
St. Louis	2	3	.400	1½
Pittsburgh	2	4	.333	2
Cincinnati	2	5	.286	2½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	4	1	.800	—
Los Angeles	5	2	.714	—
San Diego	5	2	.714	—
San Francisco	3	4	.429	2
Arizona	2	5	.286	3

Thursday's Games

Washington 6, Toronto 4
Atlanta 2, Tampa Bay 1
Boston 4, N.Y. Mets 2
L.A. Dodgers 6, Arizona 3
San Diego 12, San Francisco 7, 10 innings
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, ppd.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.
Miami at Baltimore, ppd.

Friday's Games

Detroit 7, Cincinnati 2
Atlanta 11, N.Y. Mets 10
Washington at Miami, ppd.
San Diego at Colorado
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs
Texas at San Francisco
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati (Bauer 0-0) at Detroit (Fulmer 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (TBD) at Toronto (TBD), ppd., 1st game
Washington (TBD) at Miami (TBD), ppd.
Philadelphia (TBD) at Toronto (TBD), ppd., 2nd game
N.Y. Mets (Wacha 1-0) at Atlanta (Toussaint 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Flaherty 1-0) at Milwaukee (Anderson 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Urías 0-0) at Arizona (Weaver 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Lucchesi 0-0) at Colorado (Freeland 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Keller 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Chatwood 1-0), 8:15 p.m.
Texas (Lyles 0-0) at San Francisco (TBD), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
Washington at Miami, ppd.
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m., 1st game
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, ppd.
San Diego at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
Texas at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 5:40 p.m., 2nd game

DETROIT 7, CINCINNATI 2

Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Akiyama lf	4	0	0	0	Goodrum ss	3	0	0	1
Votto 1b	4	0	0	0	Schoop 2b	4	0	2	0
Suárez 3b	4	0	0	0	Cabrera dh	4	0	0	0
Moustks 2b	4	0	0	0	Cron 1b	4	1	1	0
Castellans rf	3	1	1	0	H.Castro 3b	4	0	0	0
Winker dh	1	0	0	0	Reyes rf-lf	4	2	1	0
Dvdsn ph-dh	1	0	0	0	Stewart lf	3	1	2	0
Senzel cf	3	1	1	1	Demrtte pr-rf	1	1	1	2
Galvis ss	3	0	0	0	Romine c	3	2	2	2
Barnhart c	3	0	1	1	J.Jones cf	4	0	2	1
Totals	30	2	3	2	Totals	34	7	11	6

Cincinnati	000	020	000	—	2
Detroit	001	020	22x	—	7

E—Votto (1). LOB—Cincinnati 2, Detroit 5. 2B—Castellanos (3), Senzel (2), J.Jones (3), Stewart (1), Romine (1), Cron (2), Demeritte (1). SB—Reyes (2). SF—Goodrum (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Castillo L,0-1	6	8	5	5	1	6
N.Jones	1	1	0	0	0	2
Iglesias	1	2	2	1	0	2
Detroit						
Turnbull W,1-0	6	3	2	2	1	6
Soto H,2	1	0	0	0	0	1
B.Farmer H,3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Garcia	1	0	0	0	0	1

Castillo pitched to 3 batters in the 7th.
WP—N.Jones.
Umpires—Home, Dave Rackley; First, Larry Vanover; Second, Lance Barksdale; Third, Chris Conroy.
T—2:31.

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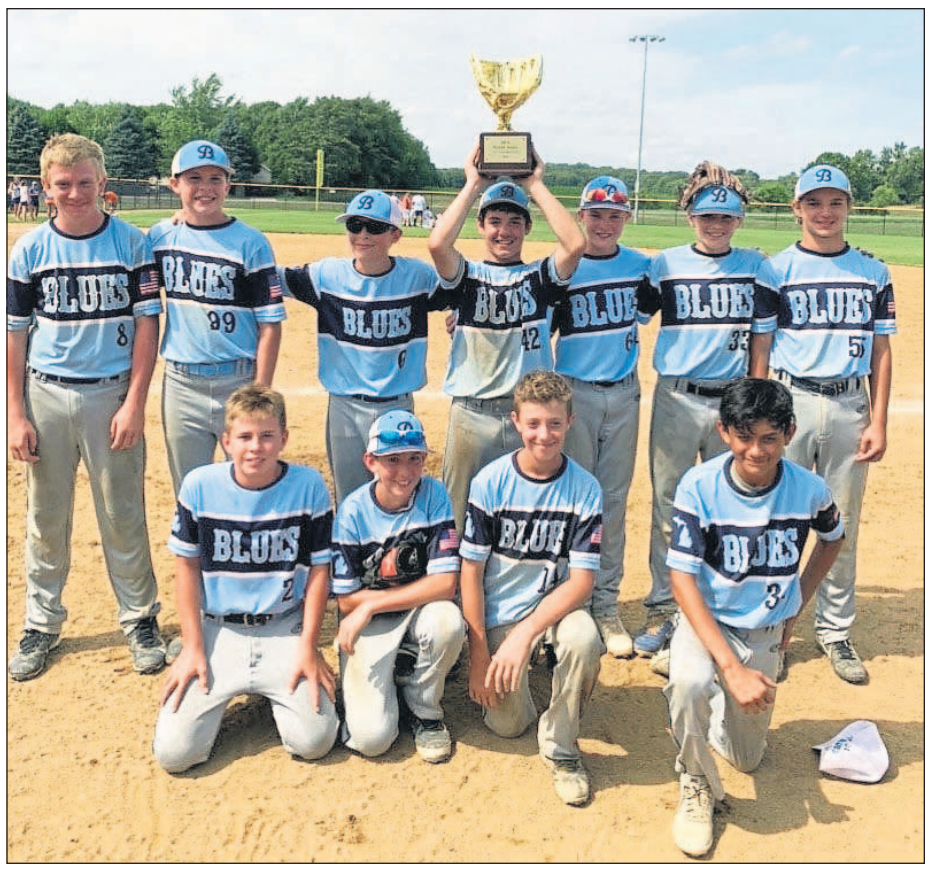

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The South Coast Blues 12U travel baseball team won the 2020 BPA World Series tournament in Sturgis on July 18. The team has a two-season record of 51-9 with seven tournament wins out of the last 10 entered. Bottom row, left: Caleb Jewell, Micah Herbst, Ryley Danapilis and and Lennon Ellis. Top row, left: Ruben Holleman, Brody Johnson, Rowan Bradford, Cooper Allwood, Isaac Weber, Bryce Vujtech and Owen Epple.

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of Cody Robert Fischer

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:

whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE:
A hearing will be held on August 25, 2020 at 9:10 a.m. at 811 Port St., St. Joseph, MI 49085 via ZOOM before Judge Mabel Johnson Mayfield P-41498 for the following purpose:
Petition to Change Name from Cody Robert Fischer to Cody Robert Nihil.

Take Notice: This will be a remote Courtroom proceeding using Zoom. If you wish to participate in the proceeding, you must contact the Probate Court at 269-983-7111 x8365 to request instructions on how to participate.

Date: 07/10/2020

Petitioner:
Cody Fischer
4171 Elizabeth Drive
Stevensville, MI 49127
269-348-2598

CITY OF BENTON HARBOR ORDINANCE NOTICE

I, Kimberly Thompson, City Clerk of the City of Benton Harbor, Michigan, certify that on July 29, 2020, the Benton Harbor City Commission approved an amendment to the Benton Harbor Code of Ordinance, Chapter 28 (Parks and Recreation) Section 28-9 (Vehicles) as it relates to golf carts. A full copy of the ordinance amendment is available for review in the City Clerk's Office at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Kimberly Thompson
July 31, 2020

Selge Construction Co., Inc is requesting subcontractor bids from qualified MBE/WBE subcontractors, suppliers, manufacturers and truckers for the ST. JOSEPH – 2020 LANGLEY WATER SERVICE REPLACEMENTS PROJECT . Interested businesses please contact our main office at (269) 684-0842. Proposals will be accepted until noon, Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

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LEGALS

ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
St. Joseph, Michigan
August 1, 2020

NOTICE

Right to Access and Privacy of Student Records

All parents and guardians of students under 18 years of age, all emancipated minor children, and all students over 18 have the right to examine the official records, files, documents and data kept by our school district directly related to the student. You have a right to challenge any of the contents of these records in order to insure their accuracy and fairness.

Procedures for such examination and challenge, including a hearing on a challenge, are available upon request from our building principals. Copies of such records are available upon request at our cost. A copy of the complete administrative regulation, which provides detailed information on the subject, is also available from any school administrator.

Under the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, no such records shall be made available to any person or agency without the consent or notification of the parent, guardian, or student, except for certain directory information which is listed in the administrative regulation mentioned above, except to the teachers and officials of our school district who have a legitimate educational interest in such information, or unless there has been a request from a federal agency for information in connection with the student's application for financial aid. Also, if a student's records are transferred to another school district, or if a court has ordered access to his records, the parent, guardian or student will be notified by our school administrators.

Thomas S. Bruce, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

LEGALS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMPLOYMENT

MEDICAL/DENTAL

Saint Joseph, MI
Are you a Certified Nursing Assistant who enjoys caring for others? Do you love hearing stories from the "Good Old Days"? If so Royalton Manor is the place for you! We have a new wage scale and offer other great benefits. Come check us out! We are accepting applications for FT and PT Certified Nursing Assistants on all shifts. If interested send resume to: royalton_payoll@cienafacilities.com or apply online at cienahealthcare.com (eeoc)

Saint Joseph, MI
Are you a nurse who enjoys caring for others? Do you have a talent for putting people at ease? If so Royalton Manor is the place for you! We have a new wage scale and offer other great benefits. Come check us out! We are accepting applications for FT and PT RNs and LPNs on all shifts. If interested send resume to: royalton_payoll@cienafacilities.com or apply online at cienahealthcare.com (eeoc)

GENERAL HELP

Sawyer, MI
Landscape and lawn care company now hiring. Competitive pay. Driver's license needed. Experience preferred.
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ATTENTION:
If you worked in Saginaw at GM STEERING GEAR PLANT between 1959-1964 or UNIVERSAL TOOLING SYSTEMS between 1965-1975, please contact Asbestos Investigator Sherry Day at (734)878-5236 or sherry@SLDinvestigations.com

Estate Sale – 915 W. Merchant St., New Buffalo, MI 49117
Fri.-Sat., August 7, 8
10 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT
Mask required. Lucile Ball dolls original boxes, sets of Christmas china & decorations, sets of china, goblets, flatware, household items, upholstered furniture, Lloyd Flanders wicker set, Star Trek Space Talk unopened packages, 14 teapots, baskets, vases, pottery, statues, religious figures, angels, wall art, baby & women's clothes, LP records, vintage wedding dress & much more. Bring moving help for large items.

GENERAL HELP

New Buffalo, MI
Construction company looking for carpenters, handyman. Must have basic tools, good pay and on time pay.
Year round, busy company
Call Ben:
269-612-0015

Michigan City, IN
Property Manager needed for 4 unit building on Michigan Blvd.
Tenant contact, building maintenance, assess/coordinate repairs, turn/show vacant units, prepare/execute leases, upgrades/projects, etc. Experience preferred.
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Michigan City, IN
The News Dispatch is looking for a dock worker. Primary responsibilities will include unloading skids from a truck for distribution to our drivers, reporting to management any missing papers and/or contractors who fail to show up for work and keeping the dock area clean to ensure a safe workspace.
This is a part time position: 15 to 20 hours a week, $9.00/hr. To apply: Contact Julie at 269-429-2400 ext.26787

SKILLED TRADE

Lane Automotive, Inc. in Watervliet, MI seeks a FT Applications Developer to work under the supervision of a Sr. Apps Developer to translate business strategies into valuable programmatic initiatives. USMS (or for. equiv) in CS or a clos- rel fld + 3 yrs of exp req'd or USBS (or for. equiv) in CS or a clos- rel fld + 5 yrs progressive postbach deg exp req'd. Mail resume to T. Coulson, Lane Automotive, Inc., 8300 Lane Dr., Watervliet, MI 49098.

The City of St. Joseph is accepting resumes for the position of Building Inspector, working under the supervision of the Inspection Dept. Administrator. Applicants shall be familiar with reviewing construction plans and specifications for permit issuance, inspections of new and existing structures, City ordinances, State requirements and approved plans.

Requirements include a High School Diploma, or equivalent, supplemented by college or trades-level coursework in construction, construction management or a related field, minimum 2-year degree preferred.

Minimum of four (4) years of responsible experience in general building construction, a schooled Journeyman carpenter, skilled worker, construction management, building inspector, or a combination of aforementioned.

State of Michigan registered Building Inspector and Plan Reviewer is desired, or the ability to obtain within 6 months of date of hire. ICC certification as a Building Inspector and Plan Reviewer desired.

Please submit your resume to the City of St. Joseph, Personnel Department, 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085
or to lmoore@sjcity.com.
Application and full job description is also available online at www.sjcity.com.
Deadline is Friday, August 14, 2020.

New Buffalo, MI
REVIVE SPA is looking for a full time and part time massage therapist who are passionate about their work.
We are a successful business in the heart of New Buffalo and we are seeking a professional, friendly & talented massage therapist nail technician, and esthetician.
Please call (269) 469-9111 for more information or to schedule an interview.

PEOPLE DO READ SMALL ADS!

Estate Sale • Burnison Galleries
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Jul Thurs 30th, Jul Fri 31st, Aug Sat 1st
10 am to 5 pm EDT
Over 300-925 Silver Rings with crystal stones, 925 earrings, costume jewelry, exercise bike, architectural fragments, outdoor/indoor furniture, sofas, sofa bed, Day beds, antiques, sculptures, paintings, prints, folk art, chandeeliers, & much more. Check Facebook & www.estatesales.net for photos.
Questions, call (312) 282-4486.
Face masks/social distancing required.

SKILLED TRADE

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Benton Charter Township, is accepting applications for an Ordinance Enforcement/Court Officer.

Qualifications shall include:
Be able to demonstrate the ability to work in and relate with multi-racial, multi-ethnic community and use good judgment, possession good people skills, function in group setting and follow-up & follow through on work tasks and prepare reports.
Minimum Requirements:
High school diploma or equivalent, three (3) years of successful work with community and/or public agencies, proficient computer skills, be able to pass physical examination, drug/alcohol screening test, background test and possess an operator's driver's license.

The successful candidate will work primarily under the daily direction of the Chief of Police.
Starting salary $40,000 to $43.000 per year plus benefits.
Deadline for application is 8/7/2020. A copy of the job description is available upon request.

Return cover letter, resume to:
Benton Charter Township
1725 Territorial Road – Bldg. A.
Police Department
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Attn: Brian Smit – Police Chief
bsmit@bentoncharter township-mi.gov

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South Haven, MI
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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Observation will encourage you to make better choices and avoid unwanted surprises this year. Take care of your health, finances, legal affairs and any matters regarding institutions or large corporations. Don't try to test the system this year. Put honesty and integrity first and foremost.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make personal improvements, fine-tune your plans or lifestyle and focus on doing what's best for everyone. Don't let a tempting offer entice you to take part in a risky venture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Strive to achieve what makes you happy. Connect via social media with an old friend or someone who shares your sentiments. Talking about your dreams will help you work to achieve them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take time to pamper yourself. Adopting a new look or tending to your physical, spiritual or intellectual needs will be uplifting. Don't buy into someone else's dream. Do your own thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Expand your mind and address issues that have left you confused about your future. Happiness lies in pursuing what brings you peace of mind. It's up to you to choose your destination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Find an innovative way to earn extra income. Be resourceful and update your skills. Clear a space to accommodate your pursuit. Romance and sharing plans with a loved one are encouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Refuse to let anyone disrupt your plans. Alter what isn't working for you and fine-tune an enjoyable project. A partnership based on shared interests will prompt you to forge ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take care of unfinished business, and don't participate in something that doesn't interest you. Personal improvements, romance, fitness and a healthier lifestyle are favored.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take note of the response you get to your requests, suggestions or opinions. When uncertainty occurs, let your intuition guide you. Concentrate on paying it forward, and an opportunity will follow.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do what you say and leave no room for error. Don't create problems; do your best to solve what's not working. Listen to complaints, offer solutions and get along with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A personal change will lead to a better relationship with someone who has plenty to offer. Make adjustments that are conducive to pursuing a certain project. Consistency will be vital.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't let anyone take advantage of your kindness and generosity. Joint ventures will result in an emotional confrontation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take the high road when dealing with challenges. Concentrate on creative endeavors, spiritual growth and bringing about positive changes for you and the people you love.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Make moderation and what's important to you your focus this year. A change of scenery and spending more time enjoying life and the people you love will lead to happiness and contentment. Recognize what you need instead of what you desire, and it will lead to a profound change of attitude.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Eliminate what's no longer of value to you. Don't let anyone dictate how you should live your life. Recognize what you don't need, and progress will be yours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A change of plans will lead to a new adventure. Take an online course or volunteer for a service that will help you connect with people searching for common interests and personal gain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take care of responsibilities and move on to more enjoyable pastimes. Take pride in your appearance, make plans with a loved one and don't let anyone make unreasonable demands of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll crave knowledge. Research the best way to make your dreams come true. Don't let others' actions cause uncertainty. Go it alone if necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Fix your surroundings and lower your overhead. Shared expenses will lead to a falling out if you can't agree on how best to allocate funds. Choose peace over discord.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make a change that will add to your comfort, ease stress or bring you closer to the people you love most. An agreement will finalize, and an opportunity will unfold.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Emotions will surface if you disagree with someone. Focus on making your life better. Personal gains are within reach if you spend more time on self-improvement and romance.

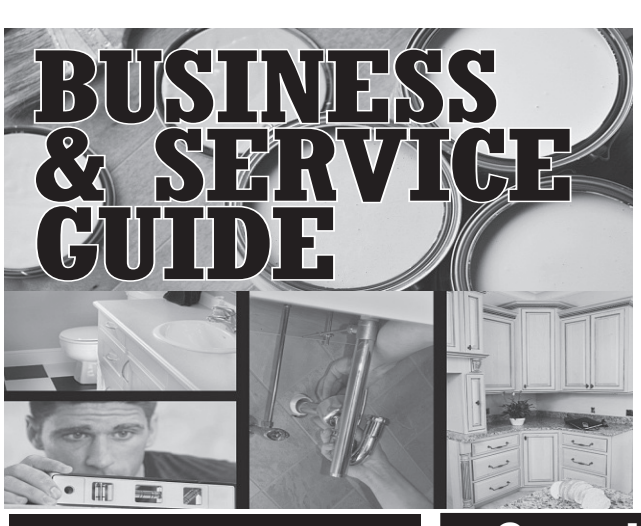
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Rely on experience to find a way to overcome a situation concerning excessive or indulgent behavior. Reach out to people you trust to tell you the truth.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Physical fitness will alleviate stress. Don't let your emotions interfere with how you earn your living. Consider how much debt you are willing to take on before you spend money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A heart-to-heart talk will help you formulate long-term plans. Don't let essential documents lapse. An adjustment to your living space will add to your comfort, but don't go overbudget.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do something energetic that challenges you to be your very best and strive for perfection. Spend time with a loved one or someone who shares your interests.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do your best to get along with others. Arguing will lead to isolation and unfinished business. Concentrate on projects that bring you joy and keep you out of trouble.



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GARAGE /ESTATE SALES

TOWNSHIP OF KEELER
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 2020-2024 ROUND LAKE AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF KEELER TOWNSHIP, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE 2020-2024 ROUND LAKE AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Supervisor and Assessor have prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll covering all properties within Round Lake Weed Control Special Assessment District 2020 benefited by the proposed weed control project. The roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of the project within the aforesaid district, as more particularly shown by the plans on file with the Township Clerk. The costs of the project are as shown on the estimate of costs on file with the Township Clerk.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment amounts are assessed on a per parcel basis. The Supervisor and Assessor have further reported to the Township Board that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Keeler Township Hall, 64121 Territorial Road W, Hartford, MI 49057 on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. After the public hearing, the Township Board may confirm the roll as submitted or as revised or amended. The roll may be examined by contacting the Township Clerk at (269) 621-6481 or via email at keeler@cybersol.com during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of the hearing and may further be examined at the hearing. *Please take notice that the Keeler Township Office is open only limited hours during COVID-19 health crisis and under executive orders of the Michigan Governor. You may be asked to make an appointment to examine the roll or have it emailed to you for inspection. Additionally, the Township Board anticipates that the hearing will be held in-person at the township hall; however further orders from the Michigan Governor may require a video-conference or teleconference. Please check the township's website at www.keelertownship.org for information.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal. Please also note that an owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment in writing, or may file his or her appearance and protest by letter before the hearing, and in that event, personal appearance shall not be required. The owners or any person having in interest in the real property who protests in writing at or before the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days after confirmation of the special assessment roll.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the special assessment roll is confirmed, the Township Board intends to hold a public hearing once each year in future years to reassess property in the special assessment district for the costs in the next year, and will provide notice of such hearing by publication in the newspaper only, unless the amount to be specially assessed increases by more than 10 percent in any one year. If the amount to be specially assessed increases by more than 10 percent in any one year, then mailed notice of the public hearing will be provided to owners of property to be specially assessed. The Township Board specifically reserves the right not to levy an assessment in any year or to levy a lesser assessment amount in any year that there are more funds in the special assessment fund than the amount needed for that year's weed control work and associated activities.

Keeler Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon four (4) days' notice to the Keeler Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Keeler Township Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

KEELER TOWNSHIP
Carl F. Davis, Clerk
64121 Territorial Road W
Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-6481
www.keelertownship.org

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

Baroda, MI
1758 Russell Road, Baroda. Hours Thurs and Fri 9 to 5 & Sat 9 to 1. Girls clothes newborn to 6x. Household items. Vacuums. Military camouflage tips and bottoms. Ammo cartridges, gas mask, military flashlight, clip holders. Household

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

items, many brand new never opened games and toys. Come see to get a great find. Please be respectful of the masks and hand sanitizer will be available.

Trial Creek, IN
Garage Sale!
Saturday August 1
8 am to 4 pm
Rain or shine
2813 Greenwood Ave, Trail Creek
Twin rollaway bed, work table on wheels, Ikea dining table, small Buffet, Food saver, professional Baton, ladder shelves, burlap bags, flat glass cutter, camcorder, kitchen items, shop vac, lawn mower, ladies clothing, Halloween and Christmas decor, collector bottles, weed eater, leaf blower and Lots more!

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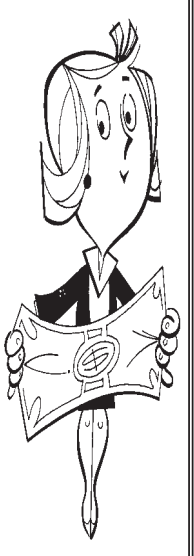

IN THE CLASSIFIEDS TODAY!

ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
NONDISCRIMINATION
STATEMENT
August 1, 2020

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, and the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, it is the policy of the St. Joseph Public School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or transgender identity), disability, age (except as authorized by law), religion, height, weight, marital or family status, military status, ancestry, genetic information, or other legally protected category (collectively, "Protected Classes") be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination during any program, activity, service or in employment. For information, contact:

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Lincoln Elementary School
3275 Lincoln Avenue
St. Joseph, Michigan 49085
Telephone: 269-926-300
email: chubble@sjschools.org

Denise Reisig
Director of Special Education
3275 Lincoln Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Telephone: 269-926-3100
email: dreisig@sjschools.org

CROSSWORD

Crossword Answers D4

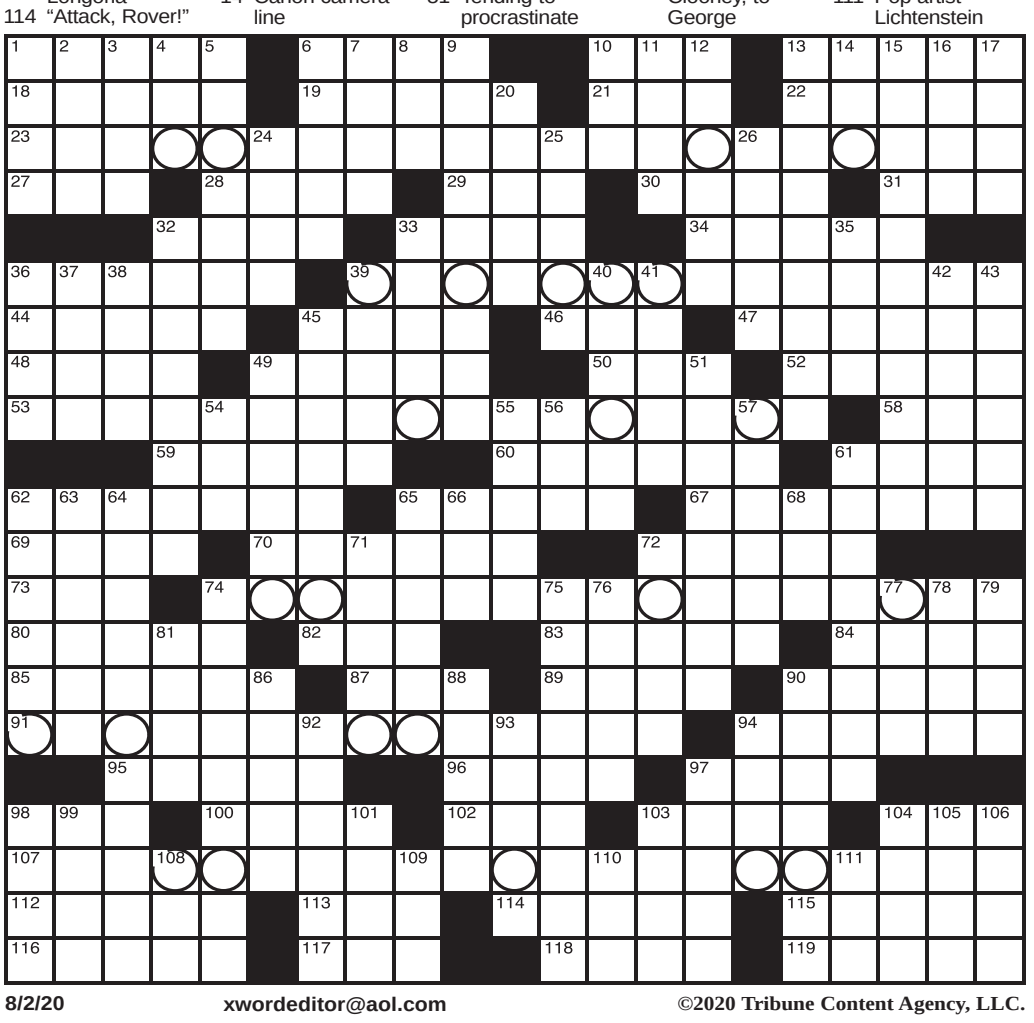
Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"DOUBLE FEATURES" By DAN SCHOENHOLZ

ACROSS
1 Defeat big-time
6 Food chain with a smiley face in its logo
10 Oma's "Oh, my!"
13 Car company that owns SolarCity
18 __ eclipse
19 Super stars?
21 Wish to do over, perhaps
22 Get on the wagon
23 Two that received Oscar nods in all four acting categories
27 Vietnamese soup
28 Chocolate choice
29 Nile danger
30 Meet activity
31 Homer's TV neighbor
32 Samoa's largest export before the blight
33 Lurid material
34 "Just to clarify ... "
36 Fancy neckwear
39 Duo from the Deep South
44 Reinforce, with "up"
45 "Come again?"
46 Kisser
47 One soaking things up
48 Word with up, mid or down
49 Feudal lord
50 Orca group
52 Olympic sledder
53 Pair for the holidays
58 Versailles VIP
59 Coolidge's VP
60 Iris ring
61 Retina part
62 Gathers in a condensed layer
65 Disrespects
67 Big game centers
69 Supply orders: Abbr.
70 Big name in pain relief
72 Weasel relative
73 Sigma follower
74 Couple in the 21st century with Best Director Oscar winners
80 More than annoyed
82 Recycle container
83 Band led by the Wilson sisters
84 Mystical old letter
85 Soda shop freebies
87 Game console letters
89 "Relax"
90 Category
91 Two period pieces from across the pond
94 Went sailing, say
95 Have confidence in
96 Go for the passer
97 Innate talent
98 Insignificant amount
100 Bird one hates to eat?
102 Before, to Byron
103 Second
104 Bounty title
107 Pair of divergent tales of the paranormal
112 Tree-lined walkway
113 Actress Longoria
114 "Attack, Rover!"
115 Date component, often
116 Digital units
117 Work with thread
118 Model
119 Bouncing off the walls

DOWN
1 Hockey's __ shot
2 Heinie
3 Not fooled by
4 Scrape, say
5 Happen before
6 "101" course title word
7 Pawn at a shop
8 In vitro supply
9 Defining characteristic
10 Escort's offering
11 Sticks maintained with chalk
12 Harry Potter's owl
13 Whom prosecutors represent
14 Canon camera line
15 Equipment shunned by fly fishers
16 Entice
17 Mimicked
20 Happen next
24 Pair with drums
25 In a relevant way
26 Puts a curse on
32 Fujita scale subjects
33 __ fright
35 Jesus of baseball
36 Italian bubbly
37 Tequila order
38 Jerseys, e.g.
39 Gets rid of
40 Sources of fall colors
41 Olympics speed skater Ohno
42 When many walk
43 Set of TV programs
45 One trashing a cab, maybe?
49 Type of weightlifting squat
51 Tending to procrastinate
54 High-card-wins game
55 Zoologist's subject
56 Metro area, informally
57 '60s "Sweet!"
61 Snack for Tabby
62 Hopper or Whistler
63 Serious shortage
64 Broad and solidly constructed, in Sussex
65 Act parts
66 Writing tip
68 Fire at work
71 Pulitzer playwright Zoë
72 Big shot in tennis
74 Entrances
75 Nabisco cracker made with cheddar
76 Stacy who played TV's Mike Hammer
77 Rosemary Clooney, to George
78 Subject opener
79 "__ I say more?"
81 Grab
86 Stable sound
88 Buying time big-time?
90 Lab order?
92 Fabled underground treasure guardians
93 Capital of France
94 Auction actions
97 The Stones' "__ Shelter"
98 Bygone Swedish car company
99 No more than
101 Permanent __
103 Sierra Nevada products
104 Rope source
105 Internet __: viral item
106 Headliner
108 "No kidding"
109 Not even rare
110 Green opening
111 Pop artist Lichtenstein



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Layout Assistant

Duties will include, but are not limited to advertising placement in multiple publications, assisting with the coordination of layouts, classified pagination and page production throughout the company.

Must have good computer skills and work at a quick pace. Experience with word processing, spreadsheets and InDesign necessary.

Minimum requirement is a high school diploma but some college is preferred.

This is a full-time position. Shift is roughly 11am-7pm, Monday - Friday, subject to change.

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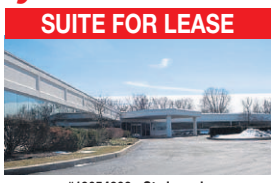
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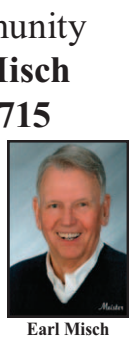
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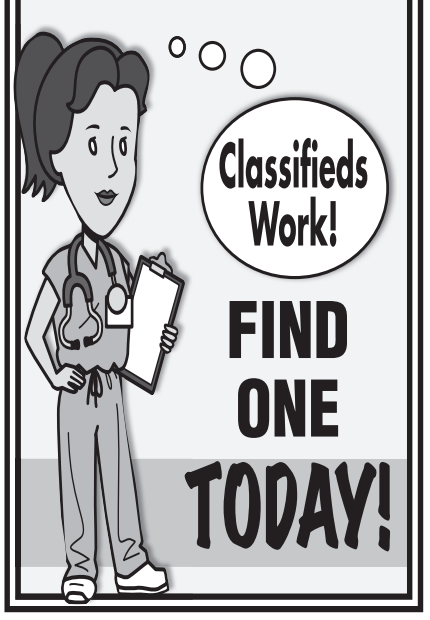

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Answer To Today's Puzzle

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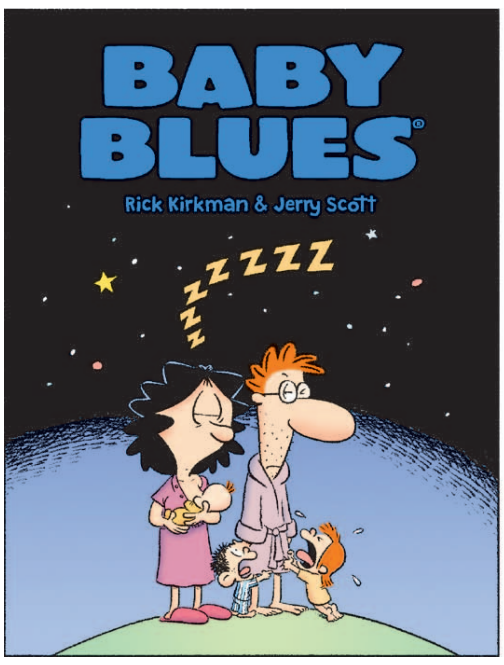

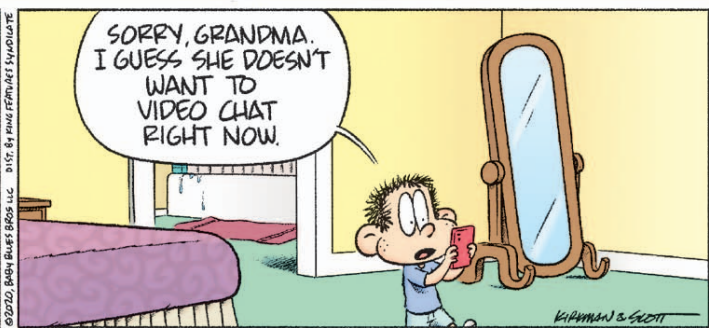

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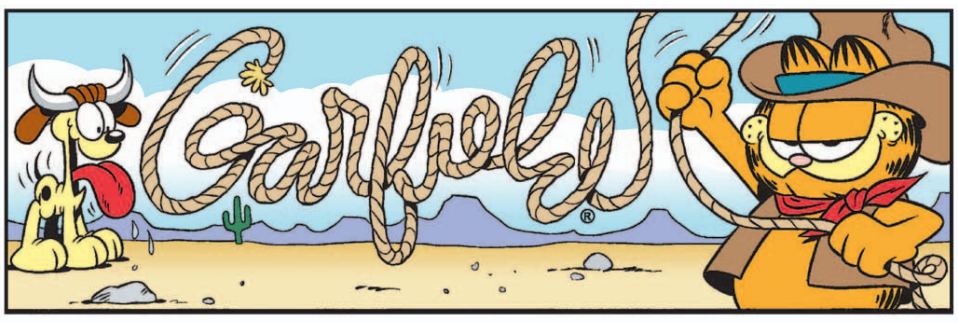

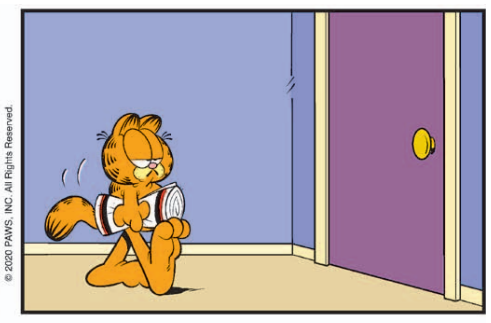

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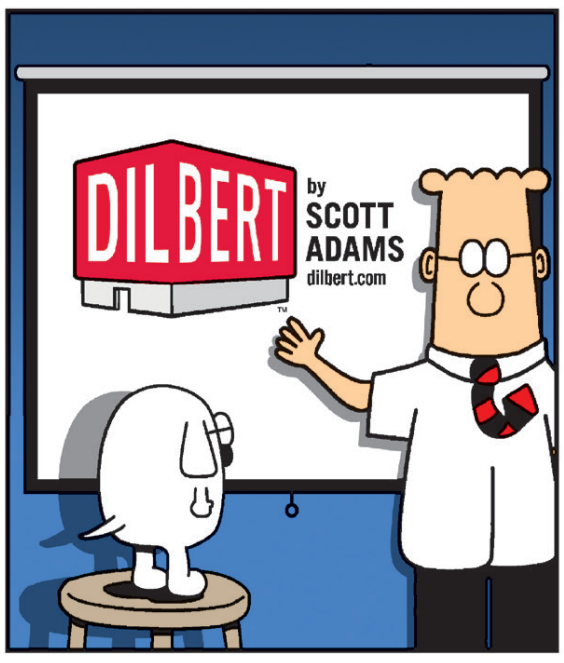

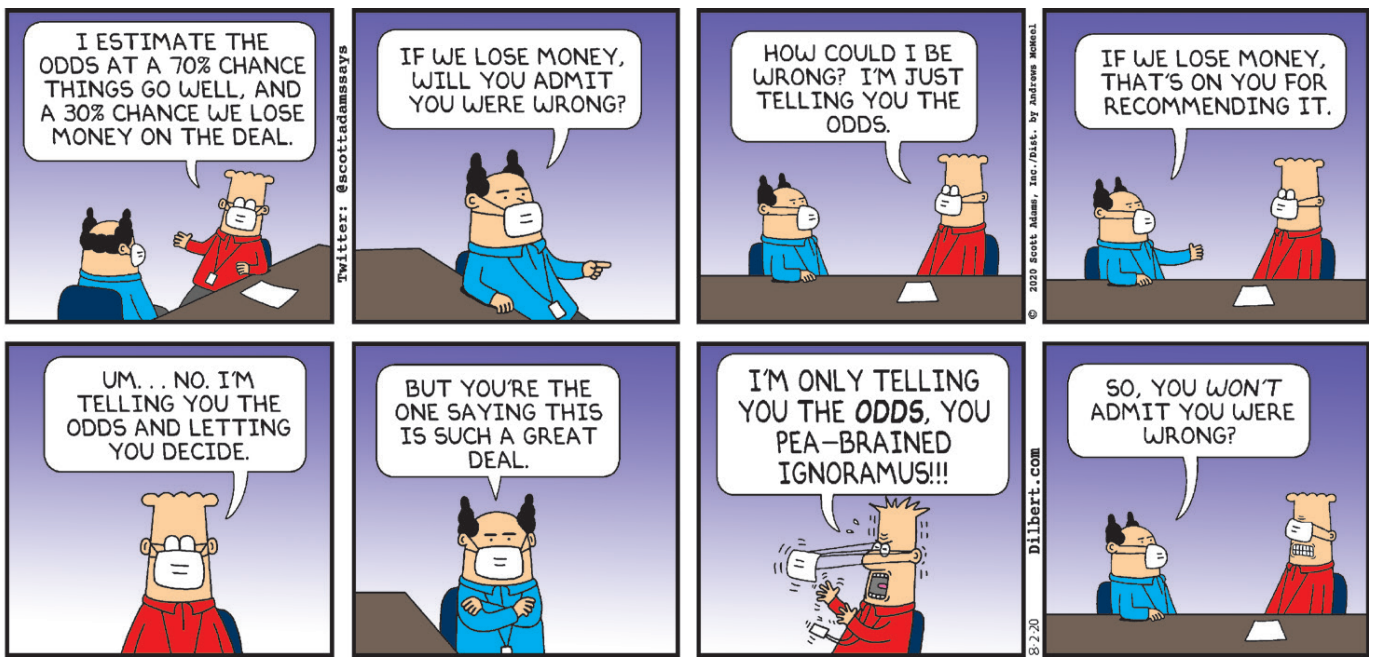
I ESTIMATE THE ODDS AT A 70% CHANCE THINGS GO WELL, AND A 30% CHANCE WE LOSE MONEY ON THE DEAL.
IF WE LOSE MONEY, WILL YOU ADMIT YOU WERE WRONG?
HOW COULD I BE WRONG? I'M JUST TELLING YOU THE ODDS.
IF WE LOSE MONEY, THAT'S ON YOU FOR RECOMMENDING IT.
UM. . . NO. I'M TELLING YOU THE ODDS AND LETTING YOU DECIDE.
BUT YOU'RE THE ONE SAYING THIS IS SUCH A GREAT DEAL.
I'M ONLY TELLING YOU THE ODDS, YOU PEA-BRAINED IGNORAMUS!!!
SO, YOU WON'T ADMIT YOU WERE WRONG?
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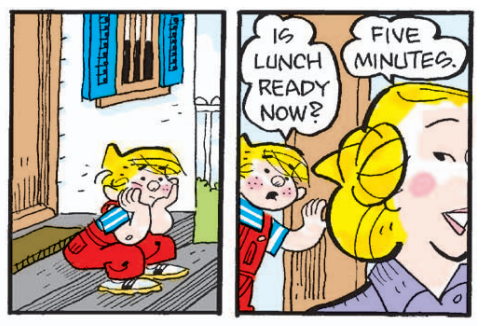

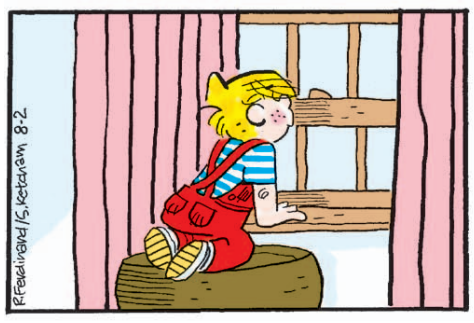

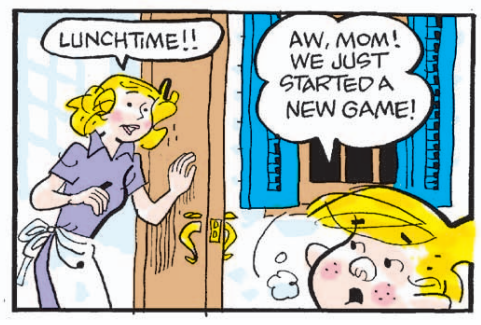

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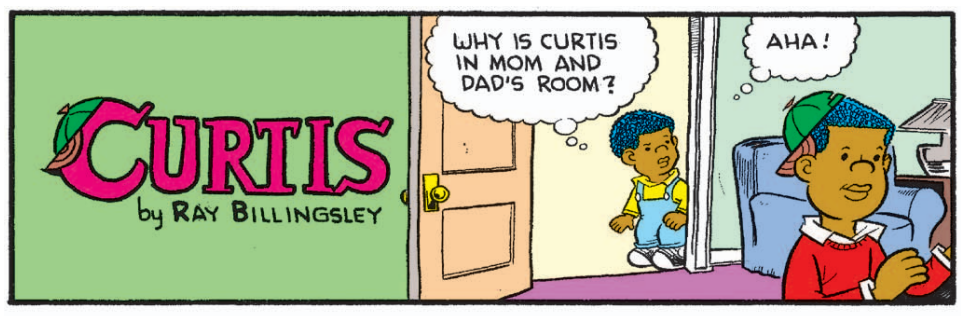

SERIOUSLY, BARRY, I'LL GET IN TROUBLE! PLEASE PLEASE DON'T SQUEAL ON ME!
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CURTIS, I SAID "OKAY"
BRUNSFIELD
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LOOK, BARRY, I'LL PUT IT BACK! I'M BEGGING YOU, BARRY, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DON'T SQUEAL ON ME!
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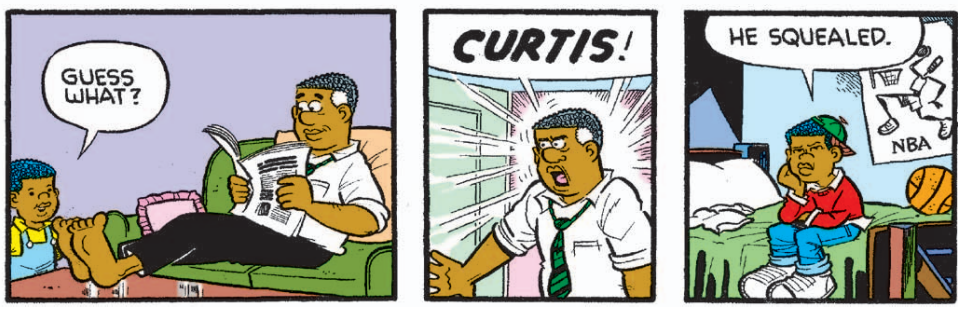

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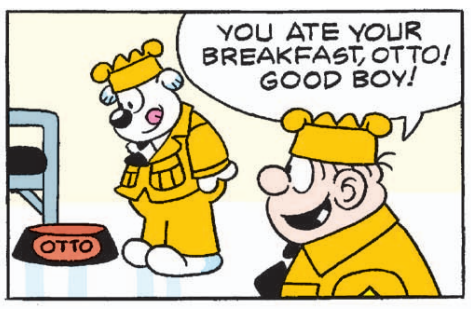

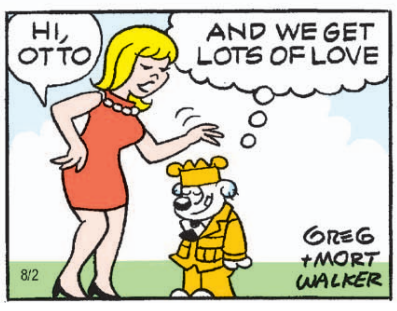

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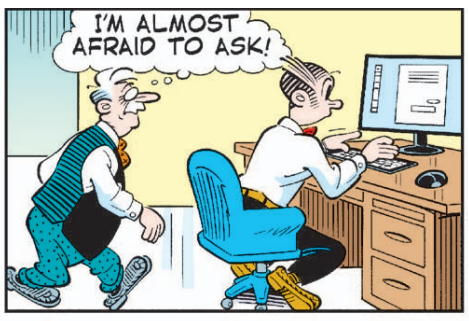

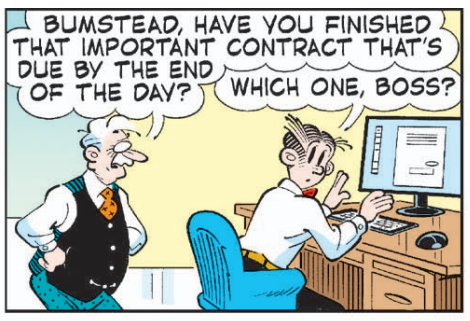

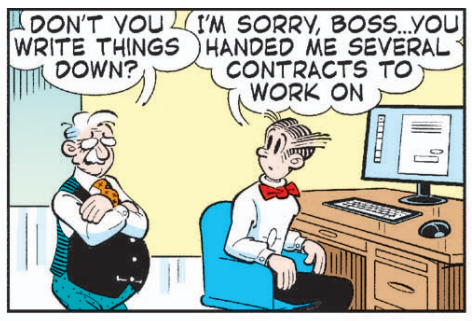

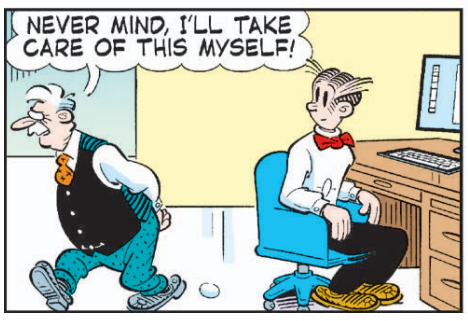

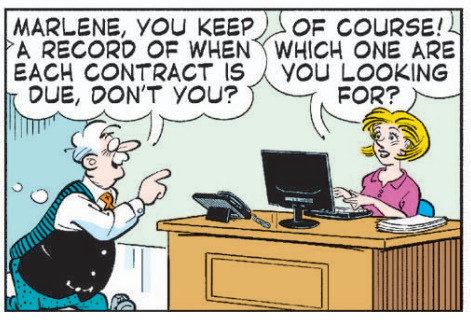

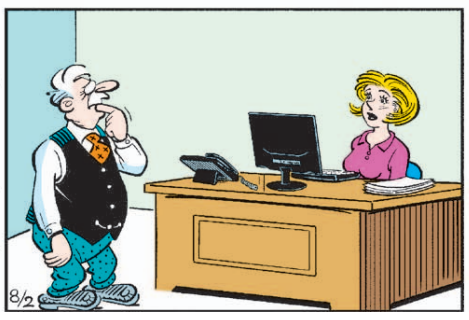

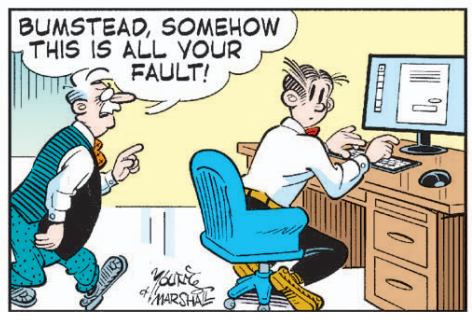

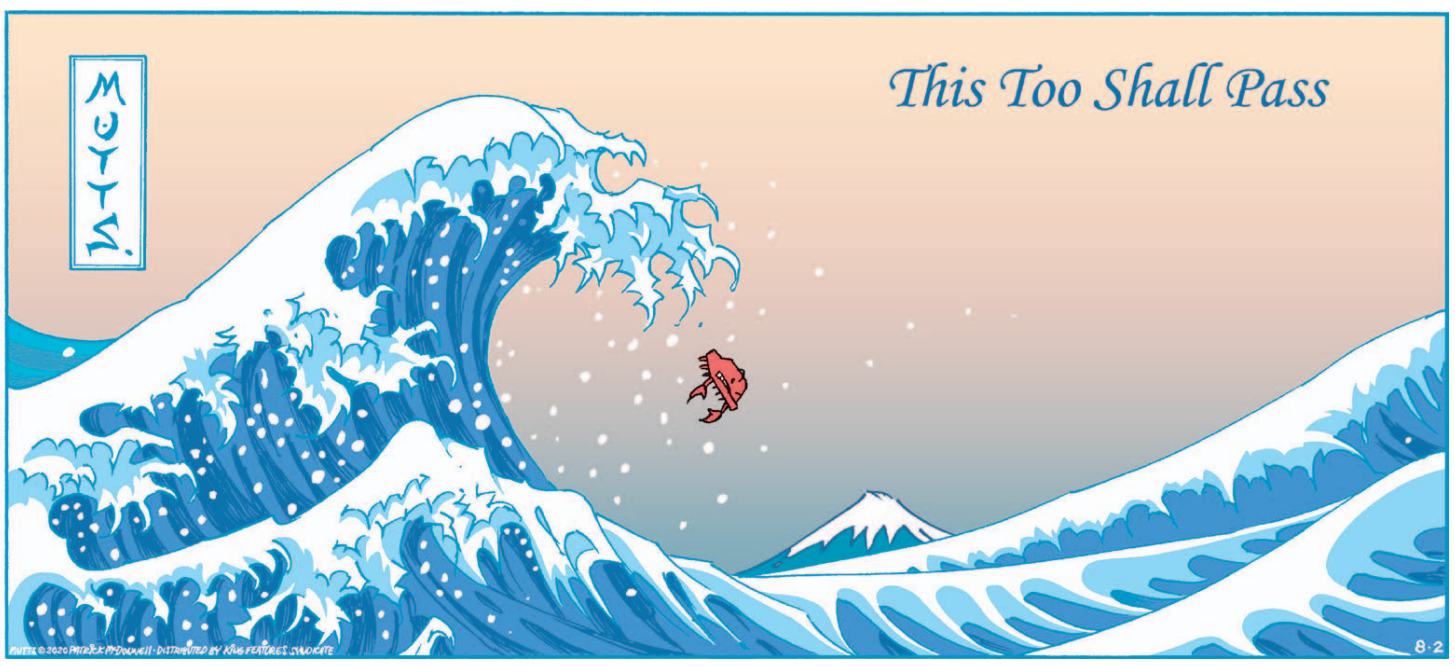

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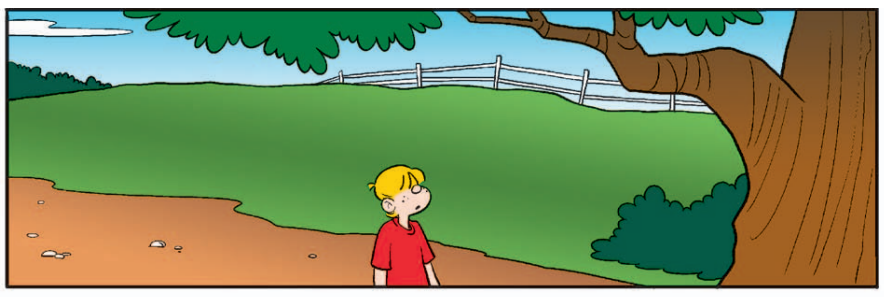

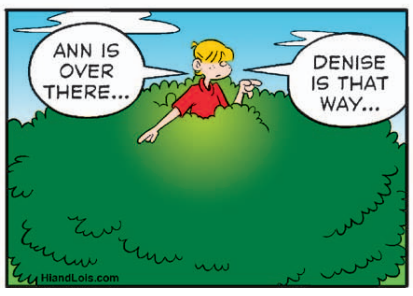

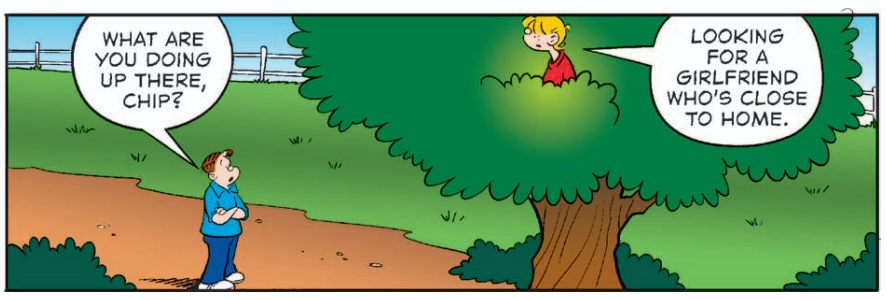

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While Daddy packs up for a family camping trip, 7-year-old Billy takes over the drawing board to provide these child's-eye observations.
Coffee has magic in it. Daddy can't smile in the morning till after he has some.
Here's some bread, birds! Come back here!
Birds don't like company when they're eating.
Crying is a waste of time if Mommy can't hear you.
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OOPS.
If the yellow part breaks when Mommy's getting an egg out of the pan it's always hers.
The softest, warmest pillows in the whole world are dogs.
Hi, Mr. Warner, Hello, Mr. Miller...
The first name of most of Daddy's friends is "Mister."
Cats must be dumb. they wash their hands when nobody told them to.
The favorite time for fathers to do things is "later".
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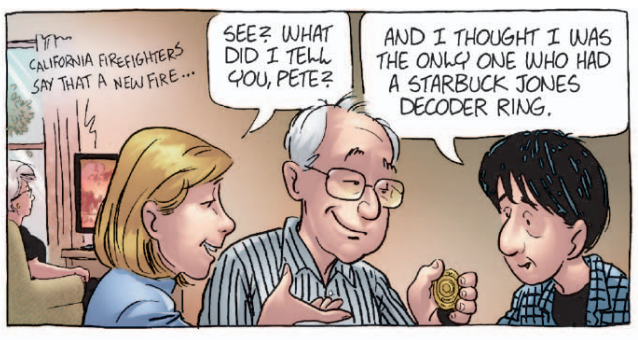
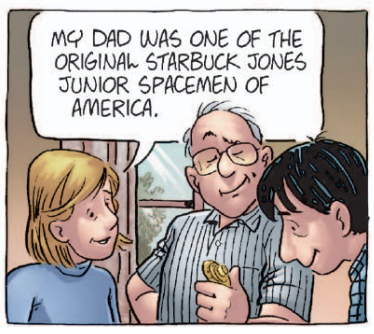
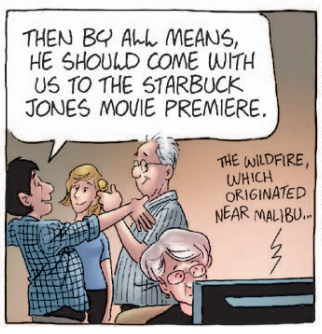

CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTERS SAY THAT A NEW FIRE...
SEE? WHAT DID I TELL YOU, PETE?
AND I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD A STARBUCK JONES DECODER RING.




THEN BY ALL MEANS, HE SHOULD COME WITH US TO THE STARBUCK JONES MOVIE PREMIERE.
THE WILDFIRE, WHICH ORIGINATED NEAR MALIBU...
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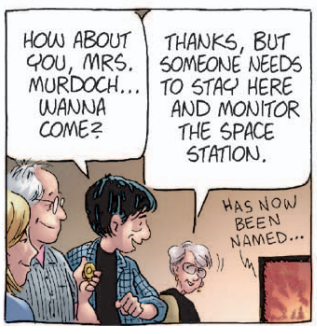
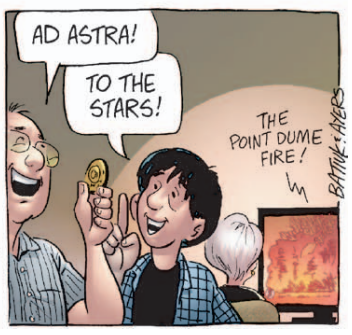
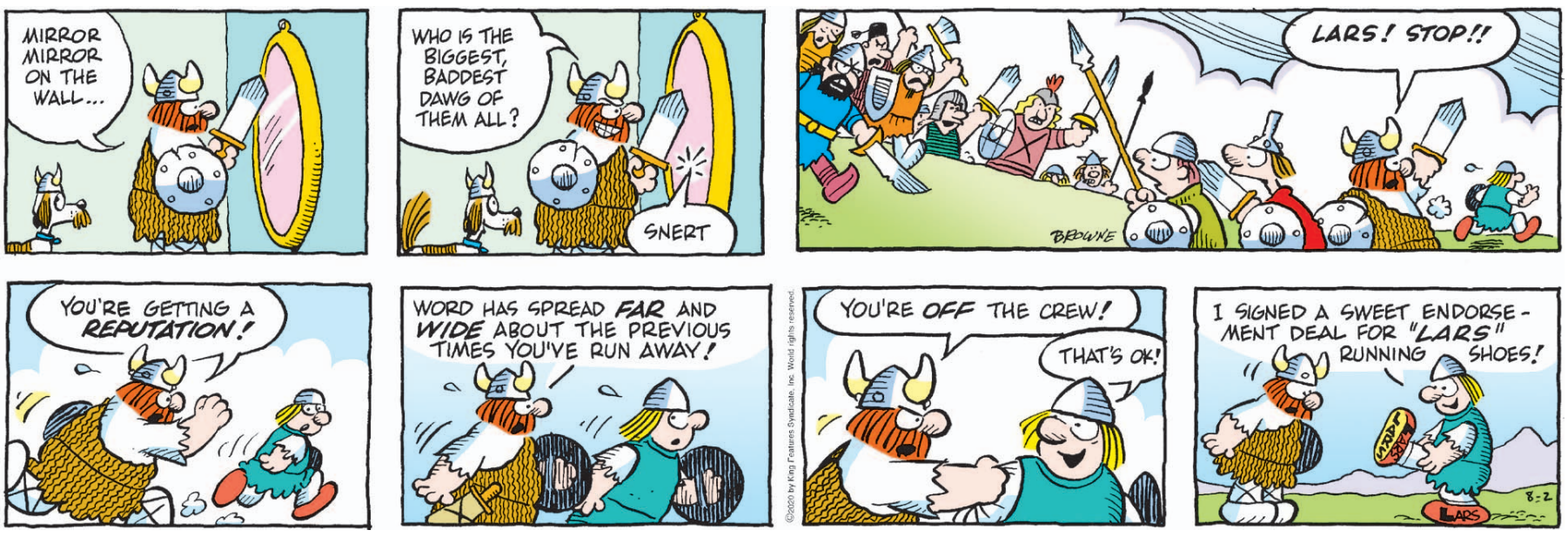

HOW ABOUT YOU, MRS. MURDOCH... WANNA COME?
THANKS, BUT SOMEONE NEEDS TO STAY HERE AND MONITOR THE SPACE STATION.
HAS NOW BEEN NAMED...



HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


MIRROR MIRROR ON THE WALL...
WHO IS THE BIGGEST, BADDEST DAWG OF THEM ALL?
SNERT
LARS! STOP!!
BROWNE
YOU'RE GETTING A REPUTATION!
WORD HAS SPREAD FAR AND WIDE ABOUT THE PREVIOUS TIMES YOU'VE RUN AWAY!
YOU'RE OFF THE CREW!
THAT'S OK!
I SIGNED A SWEET ENDORSEMENT DEAL FOR "LARS" RUNNING SHOES!
LARS
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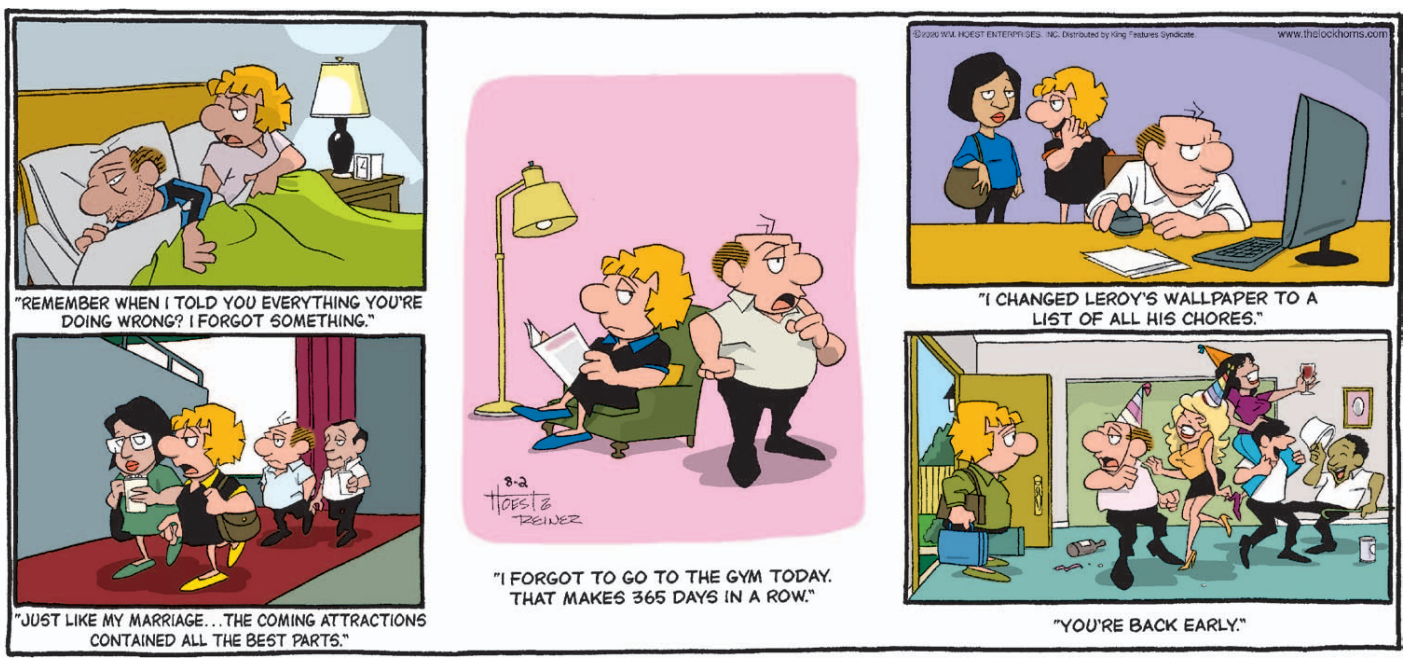
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


"REMEMBER WHEN I TOLD YOU EVERYTHING YOU'RE DOING WRONG? I FORGOT SOMETHING."
"JUST LIKE MY MARRIAGE...THE COMING ATTRACTIONS CONTAINED ALL THE BEST PARTS."
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HOEST & REINER
"I FORGOT TO GO TO THE GYM TODAY. THAT MAKES 365 DAYS IN A ROW."
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"I CHANGED LEROY'S WALLPAPER TO A LIST OF ALL HIS CHORES."
"YOU'RE BACK EARLY."

SALLY FORTH®

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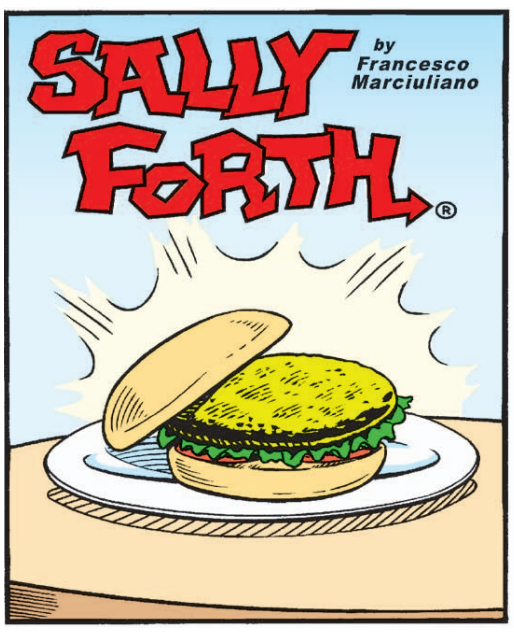

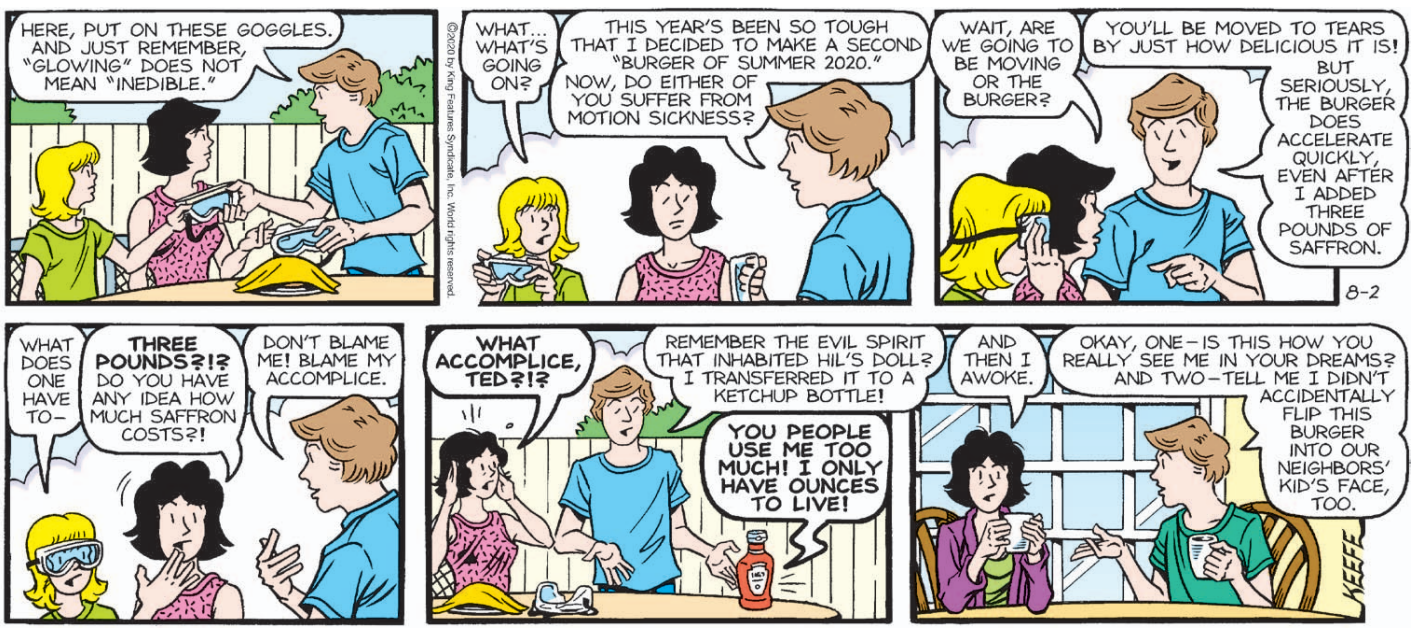
HERE, PUT ON THESE GOGGLES. AND JUST REMEMBER, "GLOWING" DOES NOT MEAN "INEDIBLE."
WHAT... WHAT'S GOING ON?
THIS YEAR'S BEEN SO TOUGH THAT I DECIDED TO MAKE A SECOND "BURGER OF SUMMER 2020." NOW, DO EITHER OF YOU SUFFER FROM MOTION SICKNESS?
WAIT, ARE WE GOING TO BE MOVING OR THE BURGER?
YOU'LL BE MOVED TO TEARS BY JUST HOW DELICIOUS IT IS!
BUT SERIOUSLY, THE BURGER DOES ACCELERATE QUICKLY, EVEN AFTER I ADDED THREE POUNDS OF SAFFRON.
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WHAT DOES ONE HAVE TO-
THREE POUNDS?!? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH SAFFRON COSTS?!
DON'T BLAME ME! BLAME MY ACCOMPLICE.
WHAT ACCOMPLICE, TED?!?
REMEMBER THE EVIL SPIRIT THAT INHABITED HIL'S DOLL? I TRANSFERRED IT TO A KETCHUP BOTTLE!
YOU PEOPLE USE ME TOO MUCH! I ONLY HAVE OUNCES TO LIVE!
AND THEN I AWOKE.
OKAY, ONE-IS THIS HOW YOU REALLY SEE ME IN YOUR DREAMS? AND TWO-TELL ME I DIDN'T ACCIDENTALLY FLIP THIS BURGER INTO OUR NEIGHBORS' KID'S FACE, TOO.
KEEFE

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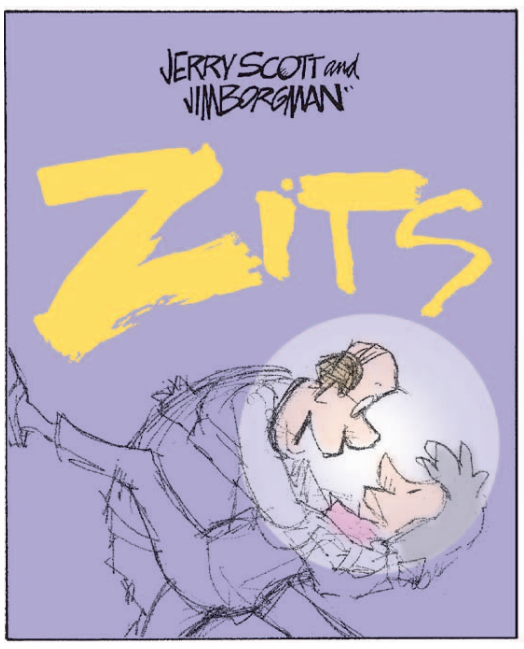
ZITS

JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN



FORT KNOX™

by Paul Jon

WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S MY TRANSFORMERS TOY COLLECTION.
THIS SIDE UP
MY MOM CALLED ME STUPID FOR COLLECTING THEM AS A KID.
AUTO SNOT
AND NOW THEY'RE WORTH THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.
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SO WHO'S "STUPID" NOW?
ARE YOU GOING TO SELL THEM?
CY-BER-TRON
NO, LAUNCH THEM OUT OF A BAZOOKA.
LET'S AIM FOR THE MOON.
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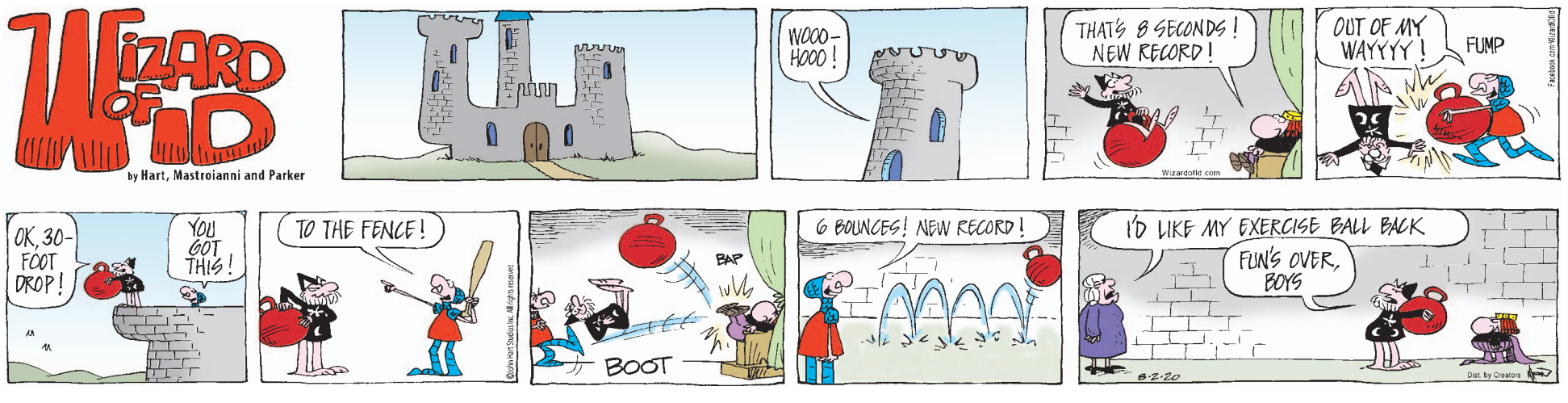
WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker



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by Dan Piraro

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By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER

HERE COME NADINE AND HER HUSBAND, TOM. HE LOOKS SO YOUNG.

NOBODY SAYS I LOOK YOUNG ANYMORE.

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OH, SWEETHEART...

IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK OF MY FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS?

"ED KUDLICK! WHY, LOOK AT YOU-- YOU LOOK SO YOUNG!"

KELLEY AND PARKER

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I'M AT THE POINT WHERE I'LL NEVER BE CALLED YOUNG AGAIN UNLESS I PASS AWAY.

THEN EVERYONE WOULD SAY THE SAME THING... "DID YOU HEAR ED DIED? HE WAS SO YOUNG."

I WON'T EVEN BE THERE TO HEAR IT. WHY CAN'T THEY SAY IT NOW?

ED KUDLICK!

PRETEND I'M DECEASED.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

ZZZZZ

BZZZZZ

UMP

CHOMP!

MP

TIME'S FUN WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FLIES

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PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

DOES THIS BENCH FEEL HARD TO YOU?

HAVE YOU READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

YES, A PLETHORA.

A PLETHORA? OH, YEAH, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO READ THAT ONE.

NO, THAT'S NOT A BOOK TITLE, IT'S A WORD. IT MEANS A WHOLE BUNCH.

AHH... I SEE, A WHOLE BUNCH, HUH?

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WELL, LIKE SOMEONE SAID, A BIG VOCABULARY IS LIKE UNDERWEAR...

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EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE IT, BUT THEY SHOULDN'T SHOW IT OFF.

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Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Count Weirdly has invented a time-travel machine. He has transported himself, Slylock Fox and Max Mouse back to a comic strip titled *Krazy Kat* that appeared in 1927. The code letters entered into the machine to reach that year were **G-X-S**. What letters would Slylock need for a return trip to the present? Hint: **Z** is zero.

Solution -- Slylock figured out that **Z** is zero, **Y** is one, **X** is two and so forth. The coded letters for 2020 are **F-F**.

ABCDE FGHIJ KLMNO PQRST UVWXY Z

POW

ZIP

JAIL

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DNA evidence indicates that hippos are closely related to ...

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b) Elephants
c) Whales
d) Otters

Answer -- c)

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Note in bottle, hair, fin, chimney, pier piling and sock

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